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Prime Minister Suchinda Kraprayoon, flanked by reporters and cameramen, leaving the government house in Bangkok on Wednesday.

Moldova Accuses Russian Army of Aiding Rebels

By Michael Dobbs Washington Post Service

MOSCOW -- As violence escalated around the southern fringes of the former Soviet Union, Moldova accused the newly established Russian Army of aggression and appealed for international help.

The Moldovan president, Mircea Snegur, said that Russian soldiers stationed in Moldova had broken out of their barracks and deployed tanks, artillery and armored vehicles in support of Slavs lighting for independence from Moldova.

In a telegram to President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia, Mr. Snegur warned that the fighting could grow into an "interna-tional and interstate armed conflict with the direct and decisive participation of the Russian 14th Army." Russian military spokesmen denied Moldovan assertions

the conflict, which has claimed more than 100 lives since March. But they acknowledged that soldiers had been ordered out of their harracks to "defend" Russian-speaking areas and that some heavy weapons had fallen into the hands of secessionists who have established a "Dniester republic."

The surge in fighting in Moldova, which has an ethnic Romanian majority, coincided with further clashes between Christian Armenia and Muslim Azerbaijan in the southern Caucasus region. In the third Caucasus republic, Georgia, at least 35 people were reported to have been killed when unideotified men fired on a bus containing refugees from the breakaway region of South Ossetia,

The latest developments in Moldova reflected the strains

that the 14th Army, which was transferred to Russian in the Russian Army since the collapse of the Soviet Union jurisdiction last month, had abandoned its neutral stance in December. Hundreds of thousands of Russian troops are starioned ontside the boundaries of Russia proper in the Baltic states, Central Asia and Moldova, Mr. Yeltsin has promised to bring the troops back home to Russia eventual-iy. But there is a danger that they could be dragged into disputes on the side of the local Russian-speaking minorities in these areas.

The commander of the 14th Army, Major General Yur Netkachev, said in a television interview that he had ordered armored units to defend the towns of Dubossary. Koshnitse and Dubovskoye, which Moldovan militiamen had subject

General Netkachev told the Moscow-based oewspaper See MOLDOVA, Page 5.

Thai King Steps In, **Urging End to Crisis**

A Setback **To ASEAN Stability**

By Michael Richardson SINGAPORE — As some Western countries sharpen their protests against military repression in Bangkok, Thai-land's partners in the Association of South East Asian Na-

tions find themselves in an increasingly difficult dilemma. Although they are alarmed that the violence in the Thai **NEWS ANALYSIS**

capital may harm ASEAN's reputation as a stable haven for investment, tourism and economic growth, member states are reluctant to intervene for fear of splitting the

group and prolonging the con-flict in Thailand.

The Thai military crack-down also threatens to slow ASEAN's plans to create a regional free trade area within 15 years and complicates moves to draw Vietnam into a

closer relationship.
In the only official comment by any of Thailand's partners, Ahmad Kamil Jaafar, secretary-general of the Malaysian Foreign Ministry, said that Kuala Lumpur was very con-cerned because what hurts Thailand will also hurt Malaysia and others in ASEAN,"

The press in ASEAN countries has been giving the trou-ble in Thailand daily frontpage play, using reports from Western news agencies and special correspondents. The papers are also publishing See ASEAN, Page 5

In Talks, 2 Sides Agree To Reform Constitution

By Philip Shenon

Thailand, with the nation's prime minister at his feet, obtained an agreement Wednesday that could end clashes between soldiers and democracy demonstrators that have left scores of people dead this week on streets only a few hundred

feet from the king's palace.
In a nationwide television broadcast shown shortly after midnight Wednesday, King Bhumibol Adulyadej could be seen meeting in a gilded reception room at the palace with Thailand's beleaguered prime minister, General Suchinda Kraprayoon, and with the leader of the nation's democracy movemen Chamlong Srimuang. The king

urged the two men to "prevent fighting in our own house." "I would like both of you to talk face-to-face, not to confront each other," the king said. "Try to solve this problem."

General Snchinda and Mr. Chamlong — who, as is Thai tradi-tion, approached the monarch on their knees and then sat before him on the carpeted floor — listened intently to the words of King Bhumibol, a much-beloved constitutional monarch who is the nation's unifying symbol. The king has vast, if only rarely exercised, influence

with Thais from all walks of life. The king's intervention in the crisis, which many Thais say is their best hope for ending violence that has this week made several neighborhoods of Bangkok resemble. charred war zones, produced al-most immediate results.

Appearing together in a separate television broadcast early Thursday morning, General Suchinda and Mr. Chamlong announced an agreement, reached at the king's request, to negotiate an end to the clashes, in which at least 40 people

General Suchinda and Mr. Chamlong said that they had agreed to amend the constitution as soon as possible to require the prime minister to be elected, oot appointed, although it was left un-clear whether the amendments would apply retroactively to Mr. Suchinda:

The appointment of General Suchinda as prime minister — he has neversion for office and until last month was the nation's supreme military commander — is what set off this week's violent clashes. General Suchinda also said that

In Bangkok's streets, "all the peo-ple can do is die." Page 5.

Mr. Chamlong and thousands of other demonstrators arrested this week would go free. Mr. Chamlong was freed to attend the meeting

with the king.

For his part, Mr. Chamlong called on his supporters to end their democracy demonstrations, at

"I would like to tell the people not to support the protests any more," Mr. Chamlong said.

King Bhumibol's intervention raised hopes of a quick end to the crisis, although it did not seem likely to end the more immediate debate over the future of General Suchinda, a former army commander whose resignation as prime minister had been demanded by the demonstrators.

News agencies rep-from Bangkok: om Bangkok:
At issue was oot just the prime minister's office, but the dominant, role in politics of the military, who have staged 17 coups in the last 60

The most recent of the coups was led last year by General Suchinda, who promised then that he would

See THAIS, Page 5 Rising Imports Expand U.S. Trade Gap

Tracking U.S. Trade monthly, in hillions of dollars. March '92 \$5.82 billion

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deficit suddenly widened sharply in March, the government reported Wednesday, as the economic recovery restored the appetite of American consumers for foreign goods. Economists disagreed about how threatening the trend was.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that imports rose 4.5 percent, to \$42.79 billion. and exports reversed their rising trend, falling by 1.8 percent, to \$36.98 hillion. The trade gap jumped to \$5.82 billion last month from 53.9 billion in February, its narrowest level in almost nine

By Lawrence Malkin
International Herald Tribune
NEW YORK — The U.S. trade
Second piece of had news in as second piece of had news in as many data after the many data many days after the recort on Tuesday of a slowdown in house huilding, which traditionally leads

U.S. economic recoveries. The dollar was initially shaken by the trade data, but it firmed later in the day because the Federal Reserve Board failed to meet market expectations and reduce interest rates. Stocks were mixed and bonds fell, also reacting to the

Fed's inaction. Economists said the export decline and import rise could be partly accounted for by volatile factors. David Munro of High Frequency Economics contended that exports were still growing at an underlying Foreign trade, especially ex-mit ports, has been one of the few out one less airliner and a few less

Bank said imports from Asia could have been skewed by a West Coast dock strike earlier this year that

bunched arrivals into March. But others spotted a potential problem in the growth of imports. Said David H. Resler of Nomura Securities Co.: "As the U.S. economy shifts toward growth ahead of the rest of the world, it will have as bias toward imports."

The increase in imports also provides the missing piece of a puzzle that showed inventories rising and production down earlier this year but retail sales rising. Where did the additional goods come from?
"They came from abroad," said

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Out of Spotlight, Clinton Finds His Voice

By David Maraniss Washington Post Service

LOS ANGELES - There stood Bill Clinton on the stage of the own right: the largest fund-raiser Palace Theater, jaw set, eyes glistening as he reached the conciumunity for a presidential candision of a speech in which he promised that as president he would lift the federal ban on homosexuals in the military and launch a Manhattan Project-style effort to combat the AIDS epidemic. He lowered his voice and spoke slowly, looking out at a crowd that national candidates once shunned or ignored.

"This country is being killed," Mr. Clinton said, his voice choking on the word killed, "by people who try to break us down, tear us down and make us little when we have to

be big. This is a big time - let us rise to the challenge.

The moment was historic in its

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date. It raised an estimated \$100,000, But for Mr. Clinton, governor of Arkansas and the beneficiary of the event here Monday night, it could turn out to be a turning point in his compaign, a point where it seemed that his political and emotional sides converged to give his voice a deeper sense of conviction.

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Crimea Retreats on Independence

SIMFEROPOL Ukraine (Reuters) - The parliament in the

Crimea backed away from confrontation with Ukraine on Wednes-

day by repealing an act of independence passed last month.

A total of 98 of 157 deputies in the chamber voted to repeal the act and two resolutions implementing it. The vote satisfied Ukraine's demand for the act to be rescinded within a week, it also sought to

defuse tension between Ukraine and Russia over the future of the

mainly Russian-speaking peninsula, But in Moscow, Russia's parlia-

ment ignored warnings by a visiting top-level Ukramian delegation and pressed ahead with place for a debate on the region, handed by

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seems to have found his voice. Whether this is a new Chriton or the real Clinton might be debatable, but most people who have seen and listened to him this week have noticed that something is dif-

"He's starting to make the emotronal case in a way that no Demo-crat has in years, "said Luke Breit, a political consultant in San Diego. "His heart is coming out now. There's a power to it that we never felt with Dukakis, Dukakis tried to be competent. Democrats can't be Democrats without that deep emotional context."

If there is a positive side to the

when most of the country is paying relative tack of attention Mr. Clin-little attention to him. Mr. Clin-ton has received recently, it is that ton has received recently, it is that the candidate and his advisers have had the time to refine the style and substance of his message, which at various points over the past five months suffered from being too diffuse, list-laden, complicated or dispassionate. While Mr. Clinton could show his mastery of an issue or reveal his innermost feelings, these two sides of him until recently were rarely evident in one place

> thetorical power can be attributed to a strategy meeting last Friday in Little Rock, Arkansas, where the

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Part of Mr. Clintoo's new-found

A Serbian family fleeing the fighting on Wednesday sheltering in a tractor at Bijeljina, Bosnia.

Nostalgic Pilgrims, Yanks Seek British War Babies

By William E. Schmidt

New York Times Service
DEOPHAM GREEN, England — They were teenagers, mostly, when they landed in Britain, the first wave of American soldiers and pilots on their way to the war in Europe. Now, on the 50th anaiversary of that friendly invasion, thousands of World War II veterans are coming

For many, like the mer, of the United States Army Air

Force's 452d Bomb Group, it is an occasion for sweet

reunion. More than 70 veterans of the unit joined local townspeople last week in this rural section of Norfolk, to place a stone marker where runways long ago crossed the open farm fields, launching B-17s toward targets across the English Channel. But for others, like Walter Comer and Richard Byrd. army veterans who were among the first American troops

to arrive in England, their journey back has involved a more personal, and more difficult, search: They spent more than a week in London and Liverpool recently. trying to track down their children, whom they have never

"Her mother seat me her haby picture, but that's all I

really knew of her." said Mr. Comer, 76, a retired carpenter from Philadelphia. He said he had lost touch with the child's mother in the war, after he was shipped out of England.

He went back to the States in 1945, married another woman and had a family. Now a widower, he says he wants to come to terms with this part of his past. "Maybe they are both dead by now, maybe they wouldn't want to see me even if I could find them," Mr.

Comer said. "But I wouldn't feel right if I didn't try, because I keep thinking, maybe they could use my help." Pamela Winfield, who runs Transatlantic Children's Enterprise, an organization to help put British children in touch with their American fathers, says hundreds, perhaps thousands, of children were fathered out of wedlock by American servicemen in the war. They are now men and

women approaching 50, many with children and grand-She said it was rare to have the veterans turn up, as Mr. Comer and Mr. Byrd did last week at her house, looking for help in tracking down children.

"But so much time has passed, and all these men are

getting older," Mrs. Winfield said. "Perhaps they think, it's now or never."

By 1944, there were about 1.5 million American military personnel stationed in Britain, from crews flying bombing missions over occupied Europe and muses in military hospitals, to infantry troops training for the invasion of

Among Britons, there was always some ambivalence about the Americans, who were cheered for their help in fighting the Nazis hut were also resented for their sometimes overly exuberant presence. As a popular wartime phrase went, "They're overpaid, oversexed and over here."

In Norfolk - like much of East Anglia, the main staging area for Allied air raids - there are especially strong ties between the small towns where wartime airfields were situated, and the American pilots and crew members who once served on them:

At the brief outdoor ceremony in Deopham Green, a choir of schoolchildren sang the wartime ballad "Comin' In on a Wing and a Prayer," and vicars remembered the

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Serbs Take Tough Line On Hostages

By Chuck Sudetic

BELGRADE - Serbian leaders in Bosnia-Herzegovina said: Wednesday that their guerrillas would not release a convoy of about 5,000 women, children and old people held hostage in a Saraje."
vo suburb until the besieged republic's government ended blockades of several Yugoslav Army barracks and met other conditions.

Serbian gummen forced the col-umn, which aid officials said con-tained about 1,000 cars, 20 buses and 10 vans, to halt Tuesday night in the Sarajevo suburh of Ridza as

Inaction is "a disgrace," Bosnia minister tells the U.S. Page 2.

they were trying to fice the Bosnian capital, which Serbian forces have besieged and bombarded for more than a month in a campaign to partition it.

[As the hostage impasse dragged on, the United States said it was revoking the landing rights of the Yugoslav airline JAT to protest Serbian actions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, The Associated Press reported from Washington.

The State Department spokes-man, Margaret D. Tutwiler, said three weekly JAT flights would be affected by the decision. The flights have been operating between Belgrade, New York and Chicago. [She said Washington was considering further measures "in re-sponse to continued Serbian ag-

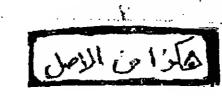
gression."

Officials of the Children's Embassy, a local relief group that organized the refugee convoy, said they had obtained written guarantees of the property of the prop safe passage for the women, chil-dren and elderly people from offi-cials of the self-styled Serb Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, whose guerrilla forces together with the all-Serb Yugoslav Army have overrun more than 60 percent of the republic and used terror tacties to drive non-Serbs from their

On Wednesday afternoon, two United Nations peacekeeping force in Sarajevo were turned back by Serb gunmen at a roadblock when they tried to enter Bidza, and they came under artillery fire on thear return to their headquarters, Sata-

jevo radio and UN officials said Young men and parents of the children held hostage threatened Wednesday to retaliste against innocent Serbs in Sarajevo if the abduction is not ended quickly, government officials said.

Serbs in Sarajevo in large part See CAPTIVES, Page 5



Iraq Offer To U.S. on Loans Was Rejected

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration turned down several Iraqi offers on the eve of the Gulf War to pay back \$2.5 billion in U.S. loans. confidential cables show.

The Iraqi overtures, which were not made public, were dismissed as ploys to divide the international coalition being assembled by Washington against Baghdad after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990. "It is hardly conceivable to

us that the Iraqis intend to use their limited foreign exchange to make payments on deht to the United States," Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger said in a cable to the U.S. Embassy in Rome.

The cable, sent on Oct. 2. 1990, urged that the European Community, some of whose members received similar offers, withhold any response to lraq until consulting with the

United States.
In the cable, which was obtained by The Associated Press, Mr. Eaglehurger noted that Iraq owed the United States about \$2.5 billion, of which almost \$2 billion were loans guaranteed by the Bush administration for the export of American farm commod-

ities to Iraq.
The administration has had to pay back those loans itself. Mr. Eaglehurger suggested that Iraq was using the offer as "a ploy to promote some other

objective."

He said that although the United States did not want to be seen as waiving its claim to the money, it also did not want to accept the offer and be seen as softening its demand that lraq withdraw from Kuwait,

Quake Jolts Afghan Capital

KABUL — A mild earthquake jostled the Afghan capital. Kabul. on Wednesday, but no loss of life or damage to property was immedi-ately reported.

DEATH NOTICE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Alfred DAOUD.

A memorial service will be held at the American Church, 65. quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris on 25 May 1992, at 14 h. Mr. DAOUD requested contributions be made in his name to the American Church in Paris in lieu of flowers.

VIENNA - An extraordinary secret gathering of nuclear-weapon designers from the United States. Britain, France and Russia has concluded that on the eve of the Gulf War, Iraq was further from producing a nuclear weapon than had been estimated. UN officials

The designers were sent by their countries at the request of the International Atomic Energy Agency to review evidence brought back from Iraq by inspectors who went there to destroy Baghdad's nuclear

At a meeting here in early April, the designers concluded that the Iraqi program faced such signifibottlenecks that President Saddam Hussein was at least three years and possibly more from ac-quiring his first crude atomic weap-

Before the war, U.S. intelligence estimated that Iraq's nuclear program would be incapable of pro-ducing a bomb for at least five years. But in November 1990, as he

sought to build support for a possi-ble war with Iraq. President George Bush said Baghdad might be able to build a bomh in as little as six months, and in speeches after the war he listed the nuclear program as one reason for going to war.

David Kay, the American who led many of the early inspections in Iraq, said on several occasions just after the war that the evidence suggested that Iraq would have bad a bomb in 12 to 18 months.

"We now think it would have been at least twice as long as that," a senior agency official familiar with the designers findings said recently, "There were several im-portant bottlenecks."

The meeting in April to review lrad's program on the eve of the war brought together bomb designers from the four countries that have joined the Nuclear Nonprolif-eration Treaty, which the agency

The gathering is believed to have been the first in which experts from the NATO nuclear powers met to discuss the design of atomic weapons with their counterparts from what used to be the Soviet Union.

A summary of their conclusions said Iraq had run into significant troubles in several areas: enriching uranium, building a device to squeeze the nuclear charge until it explodes and understanding how materials react under very high

Iraq was taking up to a month to assemble each of the machines, called calutrons, with which it planned to make enriched uranium electromagnetic separation. Eight calutrons were operational when the war started and the plant was destroyed, and Iraq would have needed several years to install enough explosives for a single bomb, officials here said.

In addition, the more modern centrifuge-enrichment plant that Iraq planned had run into difficulues, the officials said. Experts from Urenco, the British-Dutch-German centrifuge-enrichment plant in the Netherlands, have concluded that Iraq's design was fundamen-tally flawed.

SOME HELP FOR ALBANIANS — A woman in Tirana getting help Wednesday as she carried away parcels of humanitarian aid.

Inaction 'a Disgrace,' Bosnia Tells U.S.

By Barbara Crossette

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — In an impassioned plea for armed intervention in Bosnia-Herzegovina to save its people from starvation and slaughter, the nation's foreign minister has denounced the world's inaction as a "disgrace for humanity."

The foreign minister, Haris Silajdzic, said the world was standing on the sidelines as it had done in the face of Nazi atrocities in the

He had been told, he said Tuesday, that there was not much U.S. interest in the war for Bosnia. He described in vivid terms the

plight of the newly independent republic, now under siege by Serbian forces. Later, a State Department official said that what was going on in Bosnia was "a very dirty war" but repeated the U.S. position that the use of force had been rejected "for very good

He said military intervention would be difficult because much of the fighting was going on among irregulars, and foreign forces would get bogged down.

That left only economic and political measures to use against the Serbians, the official said, warning that it could take six months or a year to resolve the conflict.

Mr. Silajdzic said that Bosnian towns and

cities were undergoing "ethnic cleansing" un-der Serbian guns, and that whole neighborhoods of non-Serbs were being kerded into what he called concentration camps. Yugoslav Army forces should be with-drawn, he said, and foreign troops should be

brought in to take control of artillery and "My country has turned into a slaughter-house," he said. "Our people are suffering

terribly. Millions are threatened with starva tion, lack of medicine and clean water." Mr. Silajdzic has been trying for several weeks to persuade a reluctant international community to send peacekeeping troops to halt the fighting in Bosnia.

U.S. and Kazakhs Reach Nuclear Accord

By Don Oberdorfer Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The United States and Kazakhstan have reached agreement on eliminating nuclear weapons from that former Soviet republic, marking another major step toward carrying out of the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty and control of the Soviet

President George Bush and the Kazakh president, Nursultan A. Nazarbayev, announced the agreement in a Rose Garden ceremony on Tuesday after two hours of dis-

As a result of the accord, administration officials said, the United

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Irish Store Magnate

To Enter Drug Clinic

Ben Dunne, the Irish super-

market chain owner, is to check

into a London drug clinic after being ordered by a Florida court

to undergo a month's treatment

Mr. Dunne, 43, who is one of

Ireland's richest men, was arrest-

ed in a hotel room in Orlando,

Florida, in February. Found in

possession of 31.5 grams of co-

caine, he admitted taking the

drug but denied he was a traffick-

er. The court dropped drug traf-

ficking charges and fined him

"Let me tell you it won't be a holiday camp," Mr. Dunne said

after the verdict. "They'll have

me sweeping floors and polishing

The wealthy businessman.

\$5,000 on a possession charge.

for cocaine abuse.

by the four nations that inberited the vast strategic nuclear arsenal of the Soviet Union.

A senior official said only "pro-cedural issues" now stood in the way of concluding a new protocol to the START treuty that could be signed as early as this weekend by representatives of the United States, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Kazakhstan who will be present at an international conference

Mr. Nazarbayev said in an intersign the treaty protocol in Lisbon this weekend. He added that be had received assurances from American States is close to agreement on fu- officials that Kazakhstan would ture procedures for disposing of also he a party to any future trea- ment insurance for U.S. business.

ties for additional cuts in nuclear

The accord with Kazakhstan followed a similar agreement reached two weeks ago between the United States and Ukraine. The two newly independent nations, which are sensitive about their national security, their national prerogatives and their relations with their neighbor, Russia, could bave stopped the process of nuclear arms control and made ratification of START nearly impossible had they refused to give up the nuclear weapons based on their soil.

Mr. Bush joined Mr. Nazarbayev in signing a trade agreement, a bilateral investment treaty and an accord authorizing private invest-

"The United States supports your independence," said Mr. sush, with the Kazakh president looking on. "We believe your security, Kazakhstan's security, is important for stability in Europe and

Mr. Bush their announced the two main parts of the agreement that bad been concluded:

First, Kazakhstan is committed to join the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty as a nonneclear nation. which means that it will not seek to possess or manufacture such weapons on its own; and second, Ka-START, which includes a commitment to eliminate the weapons now. based on its soil — but under Rus-sian control — within seven years after the treaty comes into force.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Venetians to Photograph Tourists

WORLD BRIEFS

FRANKFURT (AP) - The fourth threat of a general strike within

month loomed in Germany on Wednesday, this time by the 125 mm. member printers union.

Thousands of Germans missed their morning newspapers as the printers union. IG Medien, staged warning strikes in Cologne, Essen.

Union leaders met in Stuttgart to discuss a possible strike vote by the membership. The union is seeking a 12-month contract with water

increases of 11 percent. Employers have offered 3.3 percent, but said they were willing to increase that if the union would agree on a longer contact, similar to one worked out by the metalworkers union on Monday, A mediation session is scheduled for Nuremberg on Thursday.

Kurd Leads Harder-Line Foe in Vote

ARBIL, Iraq (Reuters) — Massoud Barzani, the Kurdish rebel chief who favors coexistence with Saddam Hussein, was ahead of his archival Jalai Talabani, on Wednesday in preliminary results from leadership

Jalai Talabani, on Wednesday in preliminary results from leadership elections among Iraqi Kards.

But the partial returns are from the northwestern governorates of Arbitand D'hok, where Mr. Barzani is strongest. They could be offset by votest for Mr. Talabani in As Sulamaniya in the southeast of the region political sources said. Under Kurdish law, if neither candidate wins 51 percent, some 1.1 million Kurds will have to vote again 15 days late. The Mr. Barzani and Mr. Talabani, who opposes concessions to Bagindai, were the main candidates Tuesday for the post of paramount Kurdish leader in northern Iraq's first free elections. Kurdis in the rebel-held are

leader in northern Iraq's first free elections. Knrds in the rebel-held area also voted for a regional partiament, to symbolize their demand for permanent autonomy.

China Sees End to Dispute With India:

BEIJING (Reuters) — Prime Minister Li Peng of China said Wednesday that he believed a long-running border dispute with India could be

India says China holds 38,000 square kilometers (14,500 square miles) of its territory along its northwestern border. China says India's northeastern region of Arunachal Pradesh covers 90,000 square kilometers of

Mr. Li, speaking on the final day of a trip to Beijing by the Indian president, Ramaswamy Venkataraman, said that despite difficulties in ending the border problem. "I believe this issue will eventually be solved."

THE HAGUE (AP) — Rund Lubbers, the no-frills politician who has defined the last decade of Dutch politics, announced Wednesday that he would step down in 1994 as the Netherlands' longest-serving prime.

Mr. Lubbers recommended his Christian Democrats' whip, Etco. Brinkman, as his choice to the lead the party. Mr. Lubbers, 53, said on the radio that the time had come for him to step down.

"You have to start accepting the idea that a new party leader will come in 1994," he said. "As I see things developing, that would be Elco! Brinkman." The endorsement could go a long way toward securing Mr. Brinkman the post, since the Christian Democrats have been in every government coalition since World War II.

Ex-Soviet Republics Set Force Levels

agreed at their summit meeting in Tashkem, Uzbekistan, last week on a distribution of conventional military forces reduced under the Conven-

tional Forces in Europe treaty, a Western source in Vienna said Wednes-

day. Details of the agreement have not been made public.

The agreement paves the way to ratification of the treaty by individual, republics and its coming into force. The treaty was originally signed in 1990 in Paris by the former Soviet Union on behalf of former Wassaw. Pact members and by nations belonging to the North Atlantic Treaty.

VIENNA (AFP) - Russia and five other former Soviet republics

Dutch Leader to Step Down in '94

so long as the two sides make unremitting efforts."

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German Printers Threaten Strike

Frankfurt, Munich, Nuremberg and Würzburg,

VENICE (AFP) — The city authorities here plan to issue townspeople with cameras and films so that they can catch misbehaving lourists in the act and hand the incriminating photos to the police for action.
"We've had enough of fourists naked to be waist, who throw rubbs

all about, write on the walls, dirty the monuments and do not respect. Venice, said the deputy police chief. Augusto Salvador. Wearing bathing suits on the streets will now carry a fine of 30,000 lire (\$25). Litterbugs will have to pay up 200,000 to 3 million lire, and people who deface monuments will be fined 300,000 lire. Trans-Atlantic airfares will hold steady for the summer despite an expected rise in traffic, the chief executive of British Airways said

Wednesday. "They certainly will not be going up," Sir Colin Marshall said after meeting will industry analysts in New York! "It's a very competitive market." He said British Airways was adding 14.5 percent more passenger seats to its U.S. British routes in June, July and August to meet aspected greater demand.

(Redes) meet expected greater demand. Finland plans to halt the flow of cheap liquor brought in by Russian tourists who sell it illegally for Western currency, the government said.

Air fares are set to go up by as much as 40 percent in bundreds of U.S. markets Thursday, as temporary discounts on fares most popular with business travelers expire.

Japan Air Lines will operate its first Japan-Vietnam charters for tourists in July, JAL announced. The carrier plans to operate one round-trip! fligh! from Tokyo to Ho Chi Minh City, using a DC-10. (Reuters)

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Certainty Reigns as Major **Opens Maastricht Debate**

LONDON — Prime Minister John Major opened a two-day parliamentary debate Wednesday on ratifying the Maastricht Treaty, confident of winning an easy majority when legislators vote Thurs-

A jubilant Mr. Major returned in December from the EC summit meeting in the Dutch town boosting that the outcome had been "game, set and match for Britain."

He was delighted by British success on three points: removal from the treaty text of the word "federal," a deal allowing Britain to decide later whether to join a single currency, and the securing of an opt-out

clause for Britain on the treaty chapter governing workers' rights.

Around 20 Conservative "Euro-skeptics" are expected to rebel against the leadership and vote against this key second reading of the European Communities (Amendment) Bill, which is to carry out the Maastricht accord.

Former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher issued a rallying call last week in The Hague to the party's anti-federalists, unleashing a fierce new onslaught against what she termed a looming European "megas-Despite a reduced majority - down to just 21 since the general

election April 9 — the Major government is confident of victory.

The leadership of the opposition Labor Party has decided to abstain on the substantive vote over the opt-out on the workers' rights chapter. But some individual Labor legislators are expected to break ranks and take a stand on the bill.

has 51 stores in Ireland and Brit-ain and employs 6,000 people, first drew headlines 11 years ago when he was kidnapped by the

Irish Republic Army. He was

freed six days later amid uncon-

firmed reports about a ransom

EC Fails to Agree

On Art Export Rules

Cultural ministers of the Euro-

pean Community failed to break

a deadlock this week over EC

proposals to regulate the move-

ment and protection of antiques

and art objects when the EC abol-

ishes trade barriers between

Under the proposal, each na-

tional government would be al-

lowed to define its own national

treasures and ban their export. A

draft list of such treasures in-

cludes archeological finds and

antiques more than 100 years old.

"elements" from artistic, histori-

cal or religious monuments, and

archives more than 50 years old.

EC members would also be enti-

tled to ask their neighbors to help

whose privately owned company | locate stolen art works and to | move to change the organiza-

member states next year.

Bern Urges Vote for EC 'To Defend Our Interests'

BERN — The Swiss government told its people on Wednesday that the only way to avoid isolation and take their rightful place in Europe was to join the European Community.

In a policy document issued two days after a surprise decision to make a rapid membership request to Brussels, the government said the EC would let Switzerland retain the core of its characteristic federalism, direct democracy and neutrality.

The report marked the start of a campaign to win over skeptical voters in a referendum, as yet unscheduled, on EC membership. Another referendum, on joining the European Economic Area, is likely to be held in December or early next year. "If we want a Switzerland which is in a position to determine its own fate, it is in our interests to join the EC," the report said. "We

will have possibilities to defend our interests on an international level far beyond the modest means at our disposal today." The report said full membership would enable Switzerland to help shape EC policy, and pointed out that the EC's influence on

Switzerland's foreign and domestic policy was already large and would grow. Switzerland's neutrality, seen by many as a source of its prosperity, would not be endangered unless the EC agreed on a joint defense force and security policy, the report said.

It held out the prospect of Switzerland and other neutral countries helping to shape such a policy. But it added: "Neutrality could if necessary be adapted, if a common security and defense policy should take on a concrete form."

the Irish Republican Army. They

served long sentences before be-

Dutch highway policemen

could become obsolete if the

Dutch government adopted a

plan aimed at tracking driving

offenses via computer sensors embedded in the road. The plan

would require the installation of

compoter smart cards in cars and

microwave sensors under the as-

phalt to automatically detect and

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the plan, admitted that it might

raise invasion of privacy issues,

since the system would not only

register traffic violations but also

track the movements of every ve-

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The proposal has pitted a group of northern nations.

championed by Britain, against

southern countries led by Spain

and Italy, Britain, which controls more than half of the European

art market, says the rules are too stringent, and objects to a clause putting the burden of proof on

owners to show that they "exer-

cised all due care" not to buy

But the southern nations,

which say their treasures all too

often end up illegally in the hands of European and non-European

owners, insist on tight regula-

Senior officials of the British Police Federation said this week

that recent miscarriages of justice

in Britain had made il impossible

for the federation to continue

supporting a return of capital

punishment. The federation's

chairman, Alan Eastwood, told

the group's annual conference

this week that he supported a

Around Europe

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North America Sunshine will heat New The warm weether in York City. Montreel and Toronto Friday. It will return with little rain. Thundershowers will be summy and pleasant Endeatured from Hossard to don and Pars. will be mild Chicago. The West Coast will some sunshine, but will be dry with sunshine showers will damper Mand weekend heat.

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tion's policy to that of backing a mandatory life sentence without parole for capital offenses. The death penalty was abolished in 1969. Mr. Eastwood was referring to the cases of several groups of people wrongfully impressed in the 1970s for bombings linked to fense ranging from speeding to illegal parking. But Gerard de Graaf, a researcher who drew up

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Bush Environment Policy: Opening Up the Land

By Keith Schneider New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — As the recession hangs on and the dection nears, the Bush administration has followed a pattern of shering environmental laws and regulations to open more federal land and the nation's natural resources to development, top administration officials say.

The pattern emerged last summer when the White House the climination of restrictions of healthing.

proposed the elimination of restrictions on building and development on half the nation's wetlands.

Since then, the administration has fostered a flurry of new proposals to make more coal, timber, oil, water and land-

which is headed by Vice President Dan Quayle, and concern over carrying Western states in the election this fall.

Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan Jr. said anti-environmental sentiment among some Western voters had played a role. In the Reagan years, these sentiments fueled a movement called the "sagebrush rebellion," which put pressure on the Interior Department to open more federal land for mining. grazing and logging.

Mr. Lujan has alerted the White House that members of

the old rebellion have joined with private landowners, the timber industry, coal companies and others who rely on natural resources to form a new coalition that calls itself the

Mr. Lujan says the administration should pay attention to the agenda of those special interests to improve its standing with its natural conservative constituency and should not worry so much about the sentiment of environmentalists who, he believes, will not support Mr. Bush under any

"I have never seen a positive reaction from environmental groups no matter what we do," Mr. Lujan said.

Mr. Lujan, who served from 1969 to 1989 as a congress man from New Mexico, said he was bringing "the plight of the Western constituency to the White House," and added: "People who live in the West look at the land in a different way than people east of the Mississippi River.

"Land is our heritage to use and not just lock up and put away, where only backpackers can go. I have been telling the While House staff that our constituency, the conservative

Republican constituency, is not pleased at being ignored."

Several officials agree with Mr. Lujan that the White House was driven by lears that the traditional Republican Party support in the eight Rocky Mountain states, with a total of 40 electoral votes, was croding.

The White House is also following a plan devised by Senator Slade Gorton, Republican of Washington, to recapture Oregon and Washington, the only two Western states Mr. Bush lost in the 1988 election.

Thus, the president's strategy is meant to shore up support among the timber, mining, coal and agricultural groups that anchor the "wise use" movement.

Leaders of the movement are pressing for a loosening of policies that they see as brakes on the economy. They also want to protect jobs and families by providing resources that some of the nation's largest industries need to operate.

Last week, in the clearest signs yet that Mr. Bush is taking account of industrial interests in weighing covironmental protections, a cabinet-level committee voted to exempt the government from the Endangered Species Act and allow the culting of 1,700 acres of forest in Oregon that provide habitat for the threatened northern spotted owl.

Bush and Clinton Win 2 Western Primaries. **Texan Shadows Them**

PORTLAND, Oregon — Gover-nor Bill Clinton of Arkansas and President George Bush continued their easy glides toward the general election with primary victories in Oregon and Washington state. The man likely to meet them as

an independent candidate in Novanher, the Texas billionaire Ross Perot, apparently made his pres-ence felt by winning a significant number of write in votes.

Surveys of voters leaving polling places in Oregon indicated that Mr. Perot's name was written onto the ballot by more than one in 10 of Democrats and Republicans. Ballots with write-in names were not mediately counted Tuesday night. Since Oregon awards delegates only to those actually on the ballot, Mr. Perot will not win any

convention delegates. In Oregon, Mr. Clinton led his lone Democratic opponent, former Governor, Edmund G. (Jerry) Governor; Edunand G. (Jerry)
Brown Jr. of California, by 50 percent to 35 percent. In Washington,
where Demourant were holding a
nonbinding primary, Mr. Clinton
led by 51 percent to 29 percent.
Mr. Bush, who sewed up the Republican nomination in late April, was leading his more conservative challenger, Patrick I. Buchanan, in

both states 76 percent to 22 percent in Oregon and 83 percent to 13 percent in Washington. Mr. Perot's showing, while nomination.

By Charles R. Babcock

Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - Ross Perot will not have any

trouble finding big sums of his own money to spend if he seeks the presidency, judging from the 118-page statement on his personal wealth that he has made

Candidates are not required by the Federal Election

commission to list the exact value of their holdings, so

Mr. Perot's fortune cannot be determined from the

report. It has been estimated before at more than \$2

Mr. Perot lists 332 separate investments, more than

alf worth at least \$1 million and 11 that produced

The investments included scores of tax-exempt

income of at least that much over the last 16 months.

bond issues, stocks in blue chip corporations and computer, biotechnology and robot firms, as well as

oil and gas and real estate partnerships, several foreign currences:— including the Japanese yen — and a bank account in Switzerland.

He also listed 26 loans from banks and brokerage

houses, 24 of them for at least \$1 million each. They

Mr. Perot has not amounced his candidacy, but he filed the report with the election commission last week

because he said he might fall within the technical

were used to buy stock and foreign currencies.

strong for a seemingly unplanned write in candidacy, was presaged by his standing in polis leading up to the voting. A survey taken last week by a Portland television station showed that in a three-way research elevision matchen. Mr. general election matchup, Mr. Perot carried 42 percent of the vote in the state, to Mr. Bush's 31 per-cent and Mr. Clinton's 21 percent.

Exit polls conducted by the four major television networks on Tues-day showed that Mr. Perot, who is expected to announce his independent candidacy soon; was viewed as favorably among Democrats as Mr. Clinton and among Republicans as

Mr. Clinton, at a campaign stop in Austin, Texas, dismissed the se-riousness of Mr. Perot's challenge. There is a life cycle that all

these campaigns and candidacies have," he said. "The very much at peace with this campaign. When we get into the fall, I'll be able to get my message out there and my re-"I think the voters will perceive me as the outsider candidate with the best chance to effect change."

. At stake in Oregon's presidential contest were 47 Democratic delegates, of which Mr. Clinton won 29. and Mr. Brown 18. That put Mr. Clinton at 1,800 delegates, 345 shy of the the 2,145 needed for the nomination. (LAT, AP):

With Vast Investments and Holdings, the Answer Is: Very

the report Tuesday.

candidate, she said.

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A spokeswoman for Mr. Perot, Merel Bonger, said

Tuesday that the Texas businessman would not answer questions about his investments. He also will not

now release a statement of his net worth or his income

tax returns, but will consider doing so if he becomes a

Mr. Perot started his fortune by building Electronic

Data Systems, a computer services company that made its early profits processing claims for government medical programs. He sold the company to General Motors for more than \$1 billion in 1984. Since

then he has set up Perot Systems Corp. of Herndon,

Most of the first 200 investment holdings Mr. Perot

listed are bonds, many of them apparently tax exempt

because they are issued by state or local governments.

Among those that produced more than \$1 million in

income from the start of 1991 to last Thursday, the day

he signed the report, were utility companies in Utah and Washington, U.S. Treasury notes, bonds and bills,

and the Municipal Assistance Corp., which oversees

Mr. Perot lists holdings in 24 real estate ventures in

Texas worth at least \$1 million. He also lists several \$1

Virginia, which is in the same business

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Just How Wealthy Is Ross Perot?



Clinton's Change

campaign's policy advisers met

with the phrasemakers and Mr.

Clinton in an effort to simplify his

message in preparation for the gen-eral election campaign. But Paul

Begala, one of Mr. Clinton's con-

sultants, said that meeting was not as important as the candidate's

ability to absorb thousands of per-

sonal stories voters had told him

"It's as though every story he's

been told, he's now sorted out and

this entire campaign. The change was evident at events

this week where Mr. Clinton deliv-

theme and audience but strikingly

similar in the emotional weight that

he brought to them: A political

conversion address to shipbuilders,

University of Oregon in Eugene; and then his speech to 600 gay activists at the fund-raiser here

Monday night.
The Los Angeles event was organized by David Mixner, a gay activ-

ist, corporate consultant and politi-

Mr. Clinton since their work to-

gether in anti-war protests two de-

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CHOW TIME AT THE WHITE HOUSE - President George Bush, left, escorting Sir John W. Swan, the prime minister of Bermuda, for a private dinner in Washington.

Kohl Urges Tighter U.S. Policy on **Pollution**

By Stephen Kinzer New York Times Service BONN - Chancellor Helmut Kohl and other German leaders called on the United States on Wednesday to strengthen its enviroumental policies before the coming world environmental meeting in Rio de Janeiro.

Speaking to a special session of the German parliament. Chancel-lor Kohl said Germany was willing to make substantial contributions to the Global Environmental Facility, a fund established by the World Bank to support covironmental programs in the developing world.

"I link this readiness with the expectation that other countries are also ready to assume their share of responsibility," the chancellor said. "I am thinking especially of the United States and Japan."

According to German officials, the United States is blocking a World Bank proposal to triple the size of the \$1.5-billion environmental fund after next year.

Mr. Kohl was one of the first world leaders to commit himself to attending the Rio conference, which opens June 3. Germany has some of the world's most advanced environmental laws, and public opinion is highly sensitive to covi-ronmental issues.

The chancellor said that when he introduced environmental questions at the 1988 economic meeting in Torouto, leaders of other industrial powers reacted with "great skepticism and even rejection.

The industrialized nations m face their special responsibility. he said. "Our 20 percent of the world population produces about 80 percent" of world carbon dioxide emissions. "So it is clear who has the chief responsibility, and who must bear the chief burden."

Scientists said that these emissions, which come from automohiles and various industrial sources, contribute to depleting the Earth's ozone level, which in turn could produce disastrous changes in the world's climate. Environment Minister Klaus

worked somehow into what he's saying." Mr. Begala said. "What's beginning to come through is the Topfer, who also addressed parliaemotion of his experience during ment, criticized the United States and Japan for refusing to increase energy taxes, as the European Community has suggested. The Europeans, he said, could not take ered speeches that were different in such a step alone.

"Naturally we would like to have achieved a better climate agreement than the United States and speech to Democrats and a military those who are hiding behind the both in San Diego; an education-oriented speech to students at the United States," Mr. Topfer said.

Gerhart Baum of the centrist Free Democrat party, which is a member of Mr. Kohl's governing coalition, criticized the United States for refusing commit itself to reducing carbon dioxide emissions to the 1990 level by the end of this

cal fund-raiser here who has known At a recent meeting in New York, U.S. officials told planners of the Rio conference that Pres cades ago.

Mr. Mixner and other gay leaders first met with Mr. Clinton last dent George Bush would probably not attend the conference if such strict commitments were to be in-October, as his campaign began, and quietly helped develop his poli-cy on AIDS, which was released the cluded in the final agreement.

"The key element of the Rio conference is the climate agreement," Mr. Baum said. "The New York compromise does not satisfy us."

There was no agreement on the tional group" - meaning an audi- stabilization" of carbon dioxide ence that was not gay. Such a emissions by the year 2000, so the group, he said, "might not cheer at I inal agreement will fall well short of the German recommendation. Here I criticize the position of the He also promised that someone

who has HIV, the virus that causes United States." Leaders of Germany's principal cratic Convention in New York. . opposition party, the Social Demo-At one point Mr. Clinton crats, have denounced the Ameristopped his speech for a moment, can position as, in the words of one looked down at the floor and then member of parliament, "a kind of out at the crowd and said: "If I ecological terrorism."

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Dan Quayle's Baby Missteps

Unlike Fitzwater, He Pans Unwed TV Mom

WASHINGTON - The White House press secretary, Marlin Fitzwater, praised the television series "Murphy Brown" on Wednesday for backing unwed motherhood over abortion, veering away from Vice President Dan Quayle's condemnation of the show's eponymous starring character.

"First of ali," Mr. Fitzwater said, "'Murphy

Brown' is an excellent show."

He added that the TV character had demonstrated "pro-life values" by having had the baby.

Mr. Quayle ignited a flap in San Francisco on

Tuesday by attacking the character, a fictionalized television correspondent portrayed by Candice Bergen, for having had a child out of wedlock.

"Bearing babies irresponsibly is simply wrong,"

said Mr. Quayle, 45, who is married and has three children. "Failing to support children one has fathered is wrong.

Miss Bergen's character gave birth Monday night in the season finale of the CBS program. The vice president has been the butt of humor in the

Mr. Quayle voiced his review in a speech to the Commonwealth Club of California, in which he attributed the riots in Los Angeles largely to pover-ty and the breakdown of the American family.

ry and the breakdown of the American family.

"It doesn't help matters when prime-time TV has Murphy Brown — a character who supposedly epitomizes today's intelligent, highly paid professional woman — mocking the importance of fathers by bearing a child alone, and calling it just another lifestyle choice," he said.

The New York Daily News, in bannering Mr. Quayle's assault, ran the headline "Quayle to Murphy Brown. You Trampo!"

phy Brown: You Tramp!"

In Los Angeles, Diane English, the "Murphy Brown" producer, wrote a reply to Mr. Quayle attacking the administration's anti-abortion posi-

"If the vice president thinks it's disgraceful for an unmarried woman to bear children, and if he helieves that a woman cannot adequately raise a child without a father, then he'd better make sure

abortion remains safe and legal," she said. President George Bush, during a picture-taking session in the Oval Office with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada, was asked whether he sided with Mr. Quayle or with Mr. Fitzwater.

"I'll get briefed up on that," he quipped, promis-ing that he would have more to say soon. "Where's Marun on this?"

"I'll give the Canadian response to that," Mr. Mulronev added. When Mr. Fitzwater was initially asked about

Mr. Quavle's comments, the press secretary appeared to support the vice president's position, saying it was a mistake for TV to glorify unwed

"For years we were very concerned about the glorification of drug use on television." he said. adding that the concern now was "in the glorification of life as an unwed mother." A few minutes later, however, he summoned

reporters to offer a new perspective. Noting that Murphy Brown had chosen mother-hood over abortion, Mr. Fitzwater said, "We are

not very comfortable in getting involved in criti-

"The other problem I have," Mr. Fitzwater said.
trying to inject humor into the battle with Hollywood, "is that Candice Bergen is my personal favorite. I've offered to marry her several times."
The press secretary said he had not read Mr.
Quayle's speech — and quickly declined an offer from a reporter to see it. But he said, "I think the vice president was looking at the broader issue of

television responsibility. Mr. Fitzwater said the White House had had no advance knowledge of Mr. Quayle's remarks.

U.S. Maneuvers to Block Lawsuit Against Saudis

By Neil A. Lewis New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has asked the Supreme Court to reconsider a lowercourt ruling that would allow American citizens who say they

have been tortured in Saudi Arabia to sue the kingdom in U.S. courts. The Saudi Embassy in Washington has intensively lobbied the State Department on the case.

In one instance, the Saudi ambassador, Prince Bandar ibn Sultan, wrote a letter asking the administration for help. But State Department officials have said they intervened in the case on the merits and not to placate the Sandis. in the case, Scott J. Neison of

Raleigh, North Carolina, contends that he was severely beaten by Sandi policemen when he was impris-oned in Riyadh in 1984. He says he was beaten so badly that his knee joints snapped and that he has since had difficulty walking.

Mr. Nelson sued the Saudi government in federal court in Florida, contending that a law passed in 1976, the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, allowed him to do so.

According to the law, foreign governments can be sued in U.S. courts if the actions are connected to their commercial activities in the United States. A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, which is based in At-lanta, supported Mr. Nelson's right to sue, ruling that a connection existed because he had been recruited to work in Saudi Arabia as a hospital safety monitor and

might have been tortuned as a result of his job performance. Mr. Nelson has asserted that he was arrested and tortured because he embarrassed some Saudi officials by reporting safety hazards at

the bospital, King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh. Saudi Embassy officials have de-nied that Mr. Nelson was mistreated during his 39-day imprisonment. They have said he was dismissed because his job application contained a forged diploma from the Massachusetts Institute of

edges having submitted the forgery. The case indicates that the State Department may be sensitive to

Two weeks after the appeals court ruling and just after the end of the Gulf War last year, Prince Bandar wrote Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d seeking help in the matter,

Professor Anthony D'Amato of the Northwestern University Law School, one of Mr. Nelson's attorneys, has said the Bush administration was involving itself in the case "to cozy up to the Saudis," Edwin D. Williamson, the State

Department's legal adviser, dismissed the accusation, saying, Our decision to file this statement is not based on our relationship with Saudi Arabia." Mr. Williamson said the administration had not decided to inter-vene because of the letter from

Prince Bandar, Rather, he said, the government believed that the ap-peals court had incorrectly decided We think this roling could lead to great confusion in the application of the Sovereign Immunities Act," he said, adding that it could

ficials to he sued in their courts. **Swiss Join Curbs** By UN on Libya

BERN - Switzerland said on

Wednesday that it had banned Lib yan Arab Airlines from doing business in the country and had asked the Libyan Embassy to cut its dip-

lomats to eight from 10.

A Foreign Ministry statement also said that Libya had asked that one person on the four-member diplomatic staff of the Swiss Em bassy in Tripoli be withdrawn.

The action by Switzerland follows imposition of United Nations sanctions against Libva for its fail ure to cooperate with inquiries into from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mr. Nelson acknowlairliners in 1982 and 1989.



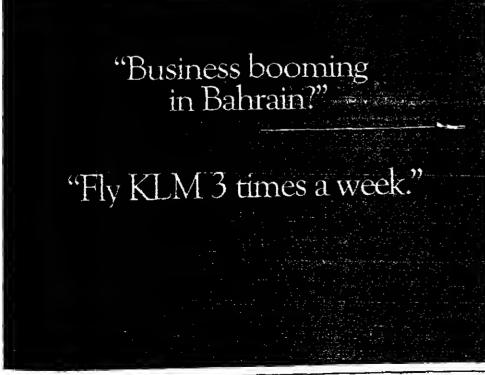
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China Ties to U.S.: Hard-Liners at Work?

By Jim Mann

Los Angeles Times Service WASHINGTON — When senior American officials sought to restore good relations with China after the killings near Tiananmen Square, they discovered two years ago that hard-line elements in the Beijing leadership

were trying to undermine their efforts. Now, it appears that these forces are trying once again to worsen tension between the United States and China. In the process, they are

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providing a glimpse of turbulence that may be in store for the United States as China's leadership engages in a new round of poliocal infight-

ing and power struggles.

Over the weekeod, Chinese security officials searched the offices of The Washington Post's Beijing correspondent, Lena H. Sun, ransacked her files and seized some notebooks and papers. On Monday, the United States lodged a protest over the incident with China, and the State Department spokesman, Margaret D. Tutwiler, said that "we've obviously said we deplore this type of thing."

The search occurred a month after China's

refusal to allow two prominent American sena-tors to visit China and Tibet. It followed by only a few days the beating in Beijing of Han Dongfang, a Chinese dissident who Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d had been led to believe in November would be permitted to leave the country soon.

And, most significantly, the raid by Chinese security officials occurred less than three weeks before the June 4 deadline by which President George Bush is legally obliged to tell Congress of his decision on whether to renew China's trade wirelesses in this country for past these

trade privileges in this country for next year.

"You have to wonder about the timing of all this," said Harry Harding, a China specialist of the Brookings Institution. "It's just speculation, but it seems that someone in China has an interest and the property starting to the property of the province of the province

interest in making trouble." To outsiders, it might look foolish and coun-

Reporter Accused Of Getting Secrets

The Associased Press

BELING - China's secret police Wednesday accused the Washingtoo Post's correspondent in Beijing of illegally obtaining secret documents.

The police who searched Lena H. Sun's office Sunday said they found more than 10 confidential documents that had been "illegally obtained," the Xinhua press agency

gally obtained," the Xinhua press agency reported quoting an unidentified official of the Beijing State Security Bureau.

Barbara Alighiero, a reporter for the Italian news agency ANSA and president of the Beijing Foreign Correspondents Club, was summoned by the Chinese Foreign Ministry to hear a similar statement.

Ms. Sun said in a written statement that she receives many unsolicited materials, "the origin and authenticity of which I cannot ossibly verify."
"My job is to gather information and eval-

uate everything that comes my way," she

terproductive for China to harass American reporters and insult American senators -- particularly at a time when doing so could jeopar-dize its incrative trade benefits. But some American specialists on China say they believe there are forces in Beijing that might welcome a new dispute with the United States.

An American analyst on China said that was-why the search happened now. "I assume this has got to do with internal politicking, and with hard-liners in China trying to embarrass re-formers," the analyst said.

Donald Anderson, a former American diplo-mat who is the president of the U.S.-China Business Council, said the timing of China's

recent action raised an "ominous" question: "Is. there a faction in Beijung that would like to screw up relations with the West?"

China's leaders are getting ever more fruit. Its paramount leader, Deng Xiaoping, now 37, was last seen on television early this year, exhoring the nation to pursue economic change, but walking only with the help of his daughter. Chen Yun, the conservative party elder who is the most powerful critic of the nace and cover. the most powerful critic of the pace and scope of Mr. Deng's economic changes, is 86 and in

much worse health. This autumn, the Chinese Communist Party is scheduled to hold a crucial Congress, its firstin five years and the first since the political upheavals that produced the crushing of Beijing's democracy demonstrators in 1989. The congress has the power to select new leaders, including a Central Committee that will oversee the party for another five years.

After Mr. Deng's rare public appearance. Chinese advocates of change have seemed to be gaining ground over hard-liners within the

But American analysts said the search of Ms. Sun's office was one of several recent incidents showing that the political maneuvering in China, which amounts to a struggle over who will hold power after Mr. Deng's death, is especially intense now and will continue at least until the party congress.

China's nationwide security apparatus is un-der the control of a party official, Qiao Shi, who-has some links to advocates of change withinthe the party. An American official noted that recently, "there has been an ongoing campaign by Qiao Shi to control the outflow of state

But this American official and several others said it was also possible that Beijing security officials carried out the search as part of an effort to embarrass Mr. Qiao or advocates of. change within the leadership. The Communist Party Committee for the city of Beijing is con-trolled by some of the same hard-liners who spearheaded the 1989 crackdown on the democracy demonstrations.

Japan to End the Fingerprinting of Permanent Aliens

By James Sterngold New York Times Service

TOKYO - After years of bitter protests and debate, the parliament enacted a law ib Wednesday that will eliminate rontine finger-printing of permanent foreign residents, a practice that many non-Japanese have regarded as one of the most humiliating symbols of government-sanctioned discrimination.

While the news was welcomed by many for-eigners, especially the Korean residents who were the principal beneficiaries of the change, many insisted that the measure would still leave

in place an extensive system of unfair controls on the lives of non-Japanese residents.

Foreign residents, for instance, can still be arrested under the new law if they are caught without their special alien registration cards, or face criminal prosecution if they fail to report to the government changes of address or jobs within two weeks of the changes. Permanent foreign residents, many of whose families have been in Japan for generations, also complained that they would still be denied the right to work

for the government or to vote. "I'm pleased with this change, but if you look at other elements of the law you will find it still

includes many forms of discrimination," said Solm Chung In, an official of the Korean Resi-dents Union of Japan.

The new law means that about 602,000 Kore-

an and Taiwanese residents, many of whose families were brought here forcibly when their homelands were colonies of Japan, will no long-er have to submit to the regular fingerprinting with local authorities in order to work, study and live in Japan.

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of Nakhichevan. The enclave, which is surrounded by Armenia

and Turkey, has come under re-peated shelling from Armenia over

The leader of Nakhichevan, Gai-

dar Aliyev, spoke by phone with President Levon A. Ter-Petrosyan

of Armenia in the presence of journalists and urged him to order a

truce. Mr. Ter-Petrosym denied

that Armenian forces were in-

■ Secession for Azerbaijan? Azerbaijan will become the first

republic to withdraw from the Commonwealth of Independent States, the head of the coalition

that toppled the country's presi-dent was quoted Wednesday as

saying according to an Associated Press report from Moscow. Abulfaz Elchibek, chairman of

volved in the fighting.

work of "destructive forces" trying the country's nationalist Popular to substage a truce in the region, which has been bright to break away from Georgia. The property of the country's nationalist Popular Front, also said in a newspaper interview that there was still hope for a peaceful settlement to the 4-year-old bartle for control of Na-35 people; including symmetric for gome-Karabakh.

the past week.

Frustration on Bangkok Streets: 'All the People Can Do Is Die' MOLDOVA: Russia Provocation

By Nicholas D. Kristof

New York Times Service
BANGKOK — When the army troops suddenly prepared to attack on Wednesday afternoon, pointing their automatic weapons menacingly at the crowd 30 meters away and trotting forward, Narumon Siriratvarasa shricked and started

sprinting away.
"It's kill, kill!" Miss Narumon, a 21-year-old accounting student, screamed as she fled.

A few minutes later, as it became clear that the troops were simply clearing the street near the Democracy Monument, not actually at-tacking the crowd, Miss Narumon looked out at several dozen other protesters seeking shelter in the same alley and added proudly: When the people all join together like this, we will win. We'll definite-

That optimism - colored by fear of bloodshed in the short term - seemed widespread as angry stu-dents, professionals and workers faced down edgy soldiers at intersections all over the Thai capital.

There were a few skirmishes and occasional gunfire, but most of the demonstrators simply watched or taunted the troops and waited for more horrors to unfold, like the incident Monday night in which troops fired on protesters and re-portedly left at least 40 dead and undreds wounded.

"Of course there will he more killing," said Somsai, 24, a shipping company employee who declined to give her full name, and she pointed at an army belicopter buzzing overhead. "The soldiers have guns and the people have nothing. All the people can do is . . .

Her voice trailed off, and then she soberly picked up the thought: "All the people can do is die."

Miss Somsai had never taken part in pobtics before, had never even been particularly interested in politics before, but she came out Wednesday to the front lines of the protesters — about 20 meters (60 feet) from a row of troops in green camouflage uniforms, swinging automatic weapons nervously from



That soldiers taking a break in the middle of a Bangkok street Wednesday after they cleared out demonstrators who broke lights and burned two trucks.

tions more than fact.

"I bear 3,000 people were killed," a 37-year-old taxi driver

whispered near the makeshift pris-

on where thousands of demonstra-tors are being detained. "All shot!"

"They say that 5,000 people were

"There were at least 500,000 peo-

ole demonstrating that night," the

driver concluded a few minutes af-

killed," the same driver advised 15

minutes later. "At least."

side to side — to express outrage at the killings of protesters in recent days and to do ber part to overthrow the man that several characterized as the most hated person in Bangkok, General Suchinda Kraprayoon, the prime minister.

General Suchinda, a former military leader who staged a coup last year against a democratic govern-ment and took power himself a month ago as an unelected prime minister, may well have supporters in the countryside and among the

But on Wednesday, before he went on television at the king's bidding to announce concessions that appeared to end the crisis, General Suchinda was abborred by the citizens on Bangkok's streets.
"He's a crazy man," said a 14-

year-old high school student. "Devil, monster, predator!" add-

ed a 37-year-old businessman. "He kills everybody who opposes him. He must be destroyed. He must go

"He's a liar and used military force to kill people," said Worathip, a 34-year-old businesswoman who declined to give her full name. "Everybody hates him. I only know one person who likes him, and that's my boss."

Thais attributed their bitterness to a general weariness with army meddling in politics, coupled with anger at General Suchinda's reversal of a promise he made last year not to seek the prime minister's job. The killings on Monday night were taken by some as the final proof of what they consider his monstrous-

General Suchinda imposed news censorship in Thailand and ex-plained the use of force as a neces-them were killed ... "He paused

sity to prevent a Communist plot to overthrow the monarchy, but the look of horror crossed his face. controls on news organizations seemed only to inflame the crowds

Those out on the streets on Wednesday, playing a game of cat and mouse with the troops and oc-Wednesday. Many people said they were listening to Thai language broadcasts on BBC radio, but othcasionally starting small fires, seemed a broad cross-section of urers simply relied upon rumors -ban Thais, with a slightly higher proportion from the middle class. and these seemed to reflect emo-

"We will never work until Su-chinda steps down," said Pisan Is-saraprasart, a 26-year-old laborer. "It's np to us, as workers, to stop him. And finally, in the end, he will step down.

The only group not represented was the Thai peasantry - the main source of the army troops on the other side of the barbed-wire barricades.

"They come from the country-side," said Somchai, a former sol-

name. "They'll shoot because they believe in their commanders, and because they believe in Suchinda."

Although overall public opinion cannot be gauged accurately on the basis of interviews with demonstrators, those on the streets seemed to want the United States to take a tougher stance against General Su-

"I hope your big country will pressure the Thai government, pressure the big men here until we have democracy," said Charuwit Sukihame, a 44-year-old architect. "You must help the Thai people now. You should have sanctions."

"We need the U.S. Army now," urged a 37-year-old cashier.

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CAPTIVES: Tough Line by Serbs and struggled with the math, and a dier who was afraid to give his full

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Izvestia that 20 people had been killed or wounded by shells fired from the Moldovan-controlled

west bank of the Dniester at army

bases over the last few days.
Russian officials said they had

entered into negotiations to regain tanks and other heavy weapons re-

cently seized by Duiester milita-men. The 14th, Army's military council appealed to the militamen to hand back the weapons, saying that if not, there could be amore

secable consequences" and other

European countries could be drawn into the conflict. This was

apparently a reference to neighbor-

ing Romania.

In Georgia, meanwhile, the new leadership headed by Eduard A. Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister, accused supporters of the overthrown Zwiad K. Gamsakhurdna of atmeking a busload of refugees from South Said in a statement that the article was the work of "destructive forces", trying

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support and participate in the defense of the legal government of Bosoia-Herzegovina which was recognized as an independent country by the United States and Editopean Community in April.

There are threats against the Scribs from some people, shid Haindin Somin, a spokesman for the Bosnia-Herzegovina government is attempting to keep people calin and prevent retaliatory attacks.

The president of the Children's Embassy, Ljubonnir Berberovic, who is a Serie, said Sarajevo's Serbs were afraid of coming under attack.

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umn whose parents are armed and very nervous to say the least," Mr. Berberovic said. These parents have the idea of taking hostages just as their children are hostages."

The people of Bosnia-Herzegovi-na are a melange of 1.9 million Muslim Slavs and 750,000 Roman one aid official dead.

in a radio interview. The UN High Commissioner for

Refugees has canceled plans to send two large convoys with food and medicine to Sarajevo on Friday because of the Serbian attack Tuesday on a Red Cross convoy that left

The General: Seasoned Infighter

By Barbara Crossette

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Prime Minister Suchinda Kraprayoon, whose quick switch from supreme dissent that has paralyzed national life, is the latest

of a line of army generals drawn into politics.

Although be said that be took up the duties of prime minister reluctantly, General Suchinda had been the real power behind the government in Thailand since February 1991, when under his leadership a civilian government was overthrown and a junta formed.

At that time, the general said that the military was saving the country from rapacious and irrespansible politicians. The move was not unpopular in Thailand, where democratic institutions have not been firmly established. The government of Chatichai Choonhavan, elected in 1988, had achieved a special notoriety for the corruption of some of its ministers.

In April, when General Suchinda named himself prime minister, he put more than a dozen of Mr. Chatichai's colleagues in his cabinet. The move belped to fuel the protest that spilled onto the

"General Suchinda, 58, graduated from the na- concerned with a loss of image.

tional military academy, Chulachomklao, in a class that now dominates every important sector of the armed services hierarchy in Thailand. His brotherin-law. General Issaraprong Noonpakdi, now army commander, is part of that fraternity. When it came time to give General Suchinda a

political front, another classmale, Air Chief Marshal Kaset Rojananin, the air force commander,

formed a party.

Prime Minister Suchinda, who speaks English fluently, attended several military courses in the United States as a young officer. In the early 1970s, he served in the defense attache's office at the Royal That Embassy in Washington.

If General Suchinda did not have to campaign

for public office, as Thais are now demanding tha all prime ministers do. he did have to compete for power behind the scenes with other ambitious officers. His most serious rival was Chavalit Yongchiyudh, his predecessor as head of the armed forces, who was already in the field with his New

Aspiration Party.

General Suchinda has been under siege publicly in the last two months as well as behind the scenes throughout 1991. He has proved to be an obstinate, often quick-tempered man who does not

The Opponent: Virtuous Politician

WASHINGTON - Chamlong Srimuang, whose public fast stirred the emotions of thou-sands of Thais and galvanized Bangkok crowds, began his political career as an irresistible novelty. When he announced in 1985 that he was running for the governorship of metropolitan Bangkok, he

seemed to represent everything antithetical to Thailand's nonstop, brassy capital city. Wearing the rough peasant shirt of dark blue that became his hallmark, Mr. Chamlong preached virtue and asceticism. In a town where bars, restaurants and brothels never closed, Mr. Chamlong did not drink, he ate one vegetarian meal a day and he slept on bare floors. He and his wife had given up

He won in a landside.
Over the ensuing years, Mr. Chamloog did not, as many expected, go out of fashion. He and his Power of Justice Party stayed in the arena, and in the national election of March 22 took all but three of Bangkok's seats in parliament. He had proved himself a national figure with an important base in

a country with only one major city. "What was important was that enormous politi-cal pull he had in Bangkok," said Evelyn Colbert, a sistant secretary of state for the region.

Equally if not more important, Mr. Chamlong is widely reported to be respected by King Bhumib-bol Adulyadej, who has devoted his life to public-

But if Mr. Chamlong's example as a clean politician and his symbolic power as a focus of opposition was crucial to the success of recent demonstra-tions demanding the resignation of the unelected prime minister, Suchinda Kraprayoon, many Thais and foreign specialists believed that the former governor, now a member of parliament, remained too controversial for higher political of-

Mr. Chamlong, 56, is a retired major general in the Thai Army, and occasionally his zealous pro-motion of virtue-takes on an authoritatian ring. He belongs to an evangelical Buddhist sect, the Santi Asoke, led by a monk who has in effect challenged the hierarchy of Thailand's mainstream

Buddhist organization.

Ironically, Mr. Chamlong's uncompromising rectinude — his is the only party that abjures the buying of votes — is seen as a drawback to success in Thai politics, where deal making is a constant. The Far Eastern Economic Review wrote recently that many believe Mr. Chamlong "wants to most — ideology." — BARBARA CROSSETTE

REUNION: Finding the Children

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THAIS: At King's Urging, 2 Sides Move to End Crisis

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not seek the prime minister's post. He reneged after general elections in March, in which he did not run. He was appointed prime minister April 7 by a coalition of five promilitary parties.

General Suchinda released Mr. Chamlong from prison for the talks at the palace. Mr. Chamlong, a former general and governor of Bangkok, had been arrested earlier in the week for leading the protests, which be initiated with a bunger

King Bhumibol's comments on television were his first in public since the violence erupted Sunday night, although there had been widespread reports the king was

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solution to the conflict. An army-run televisioo channel said the meeting at the palace was arranged by former Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda, who serves on the Privy Council, which advises

the king.

Before the surprise meeting.
Bangkok swirled with rumors that troops loyal to Mr. Prem, who was prime minister from 1980 to 1988, had clashed with General Suchinda's forces or were marching on the capital from the north. Reporters major troop movements or fight-

As the prime minister and the opposition leader spoke early

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working behind the scenes to find a Thursday, the city was still under curfew, a restriction imposed dur-ing the height of the demonstrations. Troops patrolled the streets and occasional gunfire could be heard even after the prime minister announced his concessions.

> Thousands of democracy demonstrators were manning barri-cades around Ramkamkeang University in the northeastern Bangkok in defiance of the curfew.

Earlier in the day, General Su-chinds announced the official on the northern approaches to the death toll of 40. But numerous uncity saw military roadblocks but no confirmed reports put the tofl much higher. The deaths occurred when troops fired on crowds of

unarmed demonstrators. (AP, Reuters, AFP)

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ASEAN: A Setback for Stability

the governance of a country," the

newspapers often reflect those of

off the rioting in Bangkok by ordering the arrest of mainstream oppo-

munist sympathizers on Tuesday of infiltrating opposition protests and instigating violence.

Thailand's military rulers, complicating the country's relations with Indochina, said Paul Wedel, a di-rector of the Pacific Rim Consult-

Djisman S. Simandjuntak, an Indonesian economist and executive di-

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rector of the Prasetiya Mulya Man-Thatland's partners in ASEAN fear that violent confrontation in Bangkok will only prolong conflict and make a political settlement

more difficult to achieve.

Analysts said that, by openly challenging authority, the Thai demonstrators were sending a signal that maintenance of order in

the region might be more difficult in the future. Respect for anthority has buttressed stability in ASEAN

countries over the last decade of

rapid economic progress.

Some ASEAN countries would

be disturbed if General Suchinda

were forced to step down as prime

The political culture in ASEAN,

That authority, first successfully

overthrown by a largely middle-class uprising against President Ferdinand E. Marcos of the Philip-

pines in 1986, is coming under increasing criticism elsewhere in ASEAN as economic growth and

Indonesia is in the midst of a

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agency photographs showing Thai security forces clashing with pro-

In an editorial Wednesday, The Straits Times in Singapore warned that without a compromise settle-ment, "opposition demands may become more extreme, attracting a like response from the govern-

In Malaysia, the New Straits Times said the demonstrations showed that popular acceptance of coups as a way of political life in Thailand had ended. "It demoustrates that democracy and militarism cannot necessarily be mixed in

minister because it would "repre-sent a rise in people's power," said Bilveer Singh, a political scientist at the National University of Singa-The opinions expressed by both

In addition to Thailand, Malay-sia and Singapore, ASEAN in-cludes Indonesia, the Philippines he added, "is generally much more authoritarian than it is in the West

To maintain the cohesion that has made ASEAN one of the most successful regional organizations since its beginning in 1967, members have refrained from interfering in each other's internal affairs.

Officials said privately, however, that they dealered agreement are of the control of the con that they deplored excessive use of force by Thai policemen and

political participation. troops.

One official said that he blamed General Suchinda Kraprayoon, the Thai prime minister, for touching parliamentary election campaign that will end June 3 to allow a fiveday cooling-off period before vot-ing on June 9.

The two opposition parties have

artacked the economic policies of Indonesia's longtime President Su-General Suchinda accused Comharto, asserting that they help the rich more than the poor. / the economy of Indonesia de-velops, the country's middle class is

Anti-Communist rhetoric from Bangkok will increase suspicions in Vietnam about the intentions of becoming larger and beginning to

ing group.

General Suchinda's need to court support from business interests in Thailand that oppose lower tariffs may prompt Bangkok to seek a delay in forming the pro-posed ASEAN free trade zone, said

take a more critical approach to what it sees as nondemocratic elements in Indonesian society," said

Bruce Gale, Singapore regional manager for Political & Economic Risk Consultancy Pte. Ltd.

How the Indonesian government and the politically influential armed forces adjust to the emergence of a more assertive urhan middle class will be critical to Indonesia's stability.
But Mr. Gale said that political

should not be exaggerated. There is a stronger feeling in Indonesia than in Thailand that consensus is necessary because without it the country could tear apart" on ethnic, linguistic, reli-gious and regional lines, he said. "Improved international relations?"

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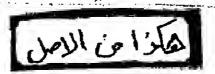
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Midlife Myths: What About Men?

Studies Show Testosterone Drops, But Supplements Are Controversial

By Natalie Angier

EW YORK - With talk of menopause reaching a passionate pitch nationwide, many are beginning to ask how the other half of the baby-boom generation is faring as it approaches 50.

They are wondering whether middle-aged men experience a drop in the sex hormones that sculptured their youthful bodies and minds, and if so bow that biochemical dip might affect their health and temperament.

Endocrinologists, who study the delicate balance of hormones, emphasize that there is no true male women's levels of the female hormone estrogen plunge sharply in a relatively short time, falling to ves-ugial amounts sometime between 48 and 52, men almost never undergo a precipitous change in concentrations of the male hormone tes-

Some doctors have dismissed the idea of a male menopause as a faintly ridiculous myth, the product of an overmedicalized culture ohsessed with its health and pathologically fearful of aging and death.

Nevertheless, a number of recent studies have suggested that testosterone levels do slump gradually with age, perhaps by as much as 30 percent to 40 percent between the ages of 48 and 70.

Some researchers suggest the drop in testosterone causes a broad range of symptoms, including a decline in muscle mass and strength, a huildup of body fat, a loss of bone density, flagging energy, lowered fertility and fading virility.

LDER men also tend to lose the circadian rhythms that affect testosterope fluxes in younger men. In a man of 21, for example, hormone levels are at their peak first thing in the morning, which is one reason why young men often awake with erections; the levels then fall steadily throughout the afternoon and surge again slightly in the evening.

In a man of 65, said Dr. Alvin Matsumoto, an associate professor of gerontology at the Veterans Af-fairs Medical Center in Seattle. "that variation is generally blunt-

In Europe, researchers call the overall decline in testosterone activity "andropause," after the class of androgen hormones that includes testosterone: in the United States, a man's struggle with aging is more likely to be described with -the sardonic and more encompassing phrase, "midlife crisis."

Scientists are divided over whether any of the effects of gradual testosterone loss are serious -enough to merit treatment with hormone supplements, the male counterpart of estrogen replacement therapy in postmenopausal

Some gerontologists suggest that many elderly men may benefit from testosterone supplements. the National Institutes of

Health recently requested research proposals to examine whether such therapy could help fend off bone loss, frailty and depression.

Others warn that the excessive use of male hormones could raise the risk of prostate cancer and cardiovascular disease, a large price to pay merely to hang onto youthful biceps and libido.

They worry that normal aging among men will come to be viewed as a deficiency disease and that men will be cajoled into taking expensive and potentially hazardous treatments they do not really need.

"I don't believe in the male midlife crisis." said Dr. John B. McKinlay, an epidemiologist at Boston University who has studied aging in both men and women.

"But even though in my perspective there is no epidemiological, physiological or clinical evidence for such a syndrome. I think by the year 2000 the syndrome will exist. There's very strong interest in treating aging men for a profit, just as there is for menopausal women."

CIENTISTS also argue over whether a drop in testosterone is an inevitahle consequence of aging that would occur in even the most robust men, or whether it is the result of ill health, overweight, underactivity, drugs taken for medical conditions like hypertension and diabetes and other factors that so often accompany the wearying joh of staying alive.

The findings on this have been quite variable," said Dr. S. Mitchell Harman, an endocrinologist at the National Institute on Aging in Bethesda, Maryland,

One study in Germany found surprisingly high testosterone lev-els in a group of healthy men over 55, and that only as the men advanced into their 60s and 70s and suffered serious health problems did their hormone concentrations measurably drop.

In contrast, researchers at the University of Washington in Seattle and Emory University in Atlanta have found that even among vigorous older men, the amount of active testosterone in the bloodstream is lower than in men under the age of 45, and many doctors say they believe that some degree of testosterone decline is almost inev-

Most studies indicate that the testes, rather than the brain, are to blame for any testosterone decline with age, and that for unknown reasons the testicular tissue becomes gradually less responsive to the tweak of pituitary hormones, leading to a drop in androgen pro-

What that decline does to body and mind is still being sorted out. It almost surely cuts down on sperm output, and particularly in the strength and mobility of sperm. A loss of testosterone could be part of the reason aging men have less muscle mass, more body fat and thinner bones than their younger counterparts.

affect a man's mood, lowering his energy levels, his assertiveness and his powers of concentration.



Benefits and Risks Of Hormone Therapy

Hormone replacement therapy is the administration of estrogen. with or without progestio, to replace hormones no longer produced by the overles. when a woman stops ovulating.

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Should Menopause Be Treated?

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

EW YORK — Menopause, long mired in myth and controversy and shrouded by a cloak of embarrassed silence, is fast becoming the leading women's health issue of the decade.

As baby boomers mature and life expectancy lengthens, the question of what to do about menopause has become central for millions of women, most of whom will spend more than a

third of their lives in the postmenopansal years. Emboldened by a new openness, these women are now demanding better answers to the nagging question: to treat or not to treat menopause and the decades beyond with hormone eplacements.
The fact that women now feel comfortable

talking about menopanse is a giant step forward in improving the health of postmenopaus-al women." Dr. Vivian Pinn, the director of the National Institutes of Health's new Office of Research on Women's Health, said. The issue goes far beyond relieving the temporary discomforts that most women experi-

ence to some degree as they pass through menopause. Studies suggest that only about 5 percent to 15 percent of women have menopausal symptoms bothersome enough to prompt them to seek medical attention. Rather, the issue today focuses on more long-

term, life-threatening and costly health con-cerns like heart disease, bone disease and cancer, as well as long-lasting quality-of-life issues like sexual satisfaction.

In a forthcoming report, the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment puts it bold-ly: 'Few life events, other than aging, affect as many people as the menopause, and few other recently introduced medical interventions have as great a potential for affecting morbidity and

mortality as does hormone therapy."

Yet, the agency noted that because menopanse was long considered by doctors and medical researchers more an issue of comfort and vanity than health, there has been too little research on the long-term effects of hormone

replacement after menopause. On Monday, the agency said, "A woman's decision regarding the management of her menopause must be made under conditions of confusion and uncertainty."

Meanwhile, pharmaceutical companies are racing to develop more acceptable and safer hormone regimens in hope of capturing a mar-ket that already exceeds half a billion dollars and is still growing. If manufacturers and enthusiastic doctors

prevail, npward of 90 percent of women will take replacement hormones for three to five This prospect worries many experts and

alarms some who say much more must be known before the 40 million otherwise healthy women now in menopause, and the millions more nearing it, begin decadeslong therapy with a powerful hormone. Sorely needed, the congressional agency said,

for how long a particular intervention will be effective, and in which body systems and or-

Some answers may come from the Women's Health Initiative, a study of 140,000 women in which participants will be randomly assigned to take different hormone therapies.

The government-sponsored study, which is expected to cost more than \$500 million, will examine the role of hormone therapy and other factors, like diet and exercise, in preventing the major killing and crippling diseases of aging

But the study, begun by Dr. Bernadine Hea-ly, director of the National Institutes of Health, s only in the formative stages and is expected to take 10 years.

Although much of the research done so far suffers from one or more methodological flaws;

Sorely needed are objective studies to determine who will benefit and how.

a host of studies suggest hormone replacement is potentially health-preserving and even life-

saving for most women. For heart disease alone, the data suggest, hormone therapy seems to cat the death rate in half during the postmenopausal years, when women's bodies produce little of the estrogen hormones that naturally protect them against

Estrogen replacement also slows the inevita-hle aging of the bones that can lead to debilitat-

Hormone therapy can also enhance the quality of a woman's life by preventing and even reversing disturbing changes in genital and un-nary organs, the nervous system and the skin.

These changes, along with hot flashes, night sweats and other problems, typically accompa-ny the declining production of estrogens by the woman's ovaries.

Most women seem to pass through meno-panse with minimal discomforts or discuptions ind seek no treatment. Only about 15 percent to 18 percent of postmenopausal women now take hormone replacements.

Social and economic barriers clearly stand in the way of some. But many other women who can readily afford hormone therapy are reluctant to try it. Some may be ignorant of the heart or bone problems estrogen depletion can canse. Others fear the medical disadvantages of taking potent hormones for years and perhaps for the

Already smarting from the undisputed link first discovered in 1975 between estrogen replacement and endometrial cancer, many menopausal women are taking a long, hard look at the conflicting findings about estrogen's ef-

are "objective findings from well-controlled fects on the risk of breast cancer, the disease studies to determine who will benefit and how, that American women most fear.

. For many menopausal women, the dile goes beyond weighing medical benefits versus risks. Some resist the implication that they have a kind of deficiency disorder that, like dishere or thyroid disease, requires treatment with replacement hormones.

Others, angry about the long-standing professional mattention to this issue, find themselves with relatively little conclusive released

data on which to base a rational decision Dr. Karen Steinberg of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, who analyzed the effect of hormone therapy on breast cancer, said, "While from a population standpoint the benefits of hormone therapy clearly outside the risks, for the individual woman the decision has got to be based on each one's risk of developing the various diseases that replace-

ment hormones influence.

The production of estrogens by the teames starts dropping at about the age of 35 long Statts they have a seem of the decime accelerates at menopause when a woman's ovaries shut down and her mensions cycles cease.

Many tissues throughout the body have receptors for estrogen, meaning that the hormone influences them in some way. Thus, a lack of estrogens affects genital organs (vagina, univa and uterus), urinary organs (bladder and ute-thra), breasts, skin, hair, mucous membranes, bones, heart and blood vessels, pelvic mincles

Estrogen replacement alone cannot keep the internal and external ravages of age at bay indefinitely, but it can retard such changes it strogen-dependent tissues and reverse my them even if estrogen use is begun years after

menopanse has occurred. Thus, a decade or more after pain and bleeding have forced a woman to forgo intercourse. estrogen replacement can restore the liming

depth and secretions of the vagina that are important to sexual pleasure.

Most serious are postmenopausal effects an
the bones, heart and blood vessels. When levels

of circulating estrogen drop, the bones lose minerals faster than they gain them. IP fractures result in fatal complications in 15 to 20 percent of elderly women who suffer them. But

women who take estrogen replacement sustain 40 percent fewer hip fractures than those who do not take the hormone." By far the highest death rates accompany ostmenopausal changes in the circulatory sys-

tem. After a decline in estrogen, many women experience a rise in blood levels of arteryclogging LDL-cholesterol and a decline in pro-tective HDL-cholesterol.

This and other cardiovascular changes bing a sharp rise in heart attacks. Without estionen treatment, women's coronary mortality rate rises that yield within 15 to 20 years of menoparise.

With the hormone, their risk of dying of a heart attack at any age may be reduced by 50 percent, several major studies have indicated.

Out of Africa or Elsewhere: Eve Theory Challenged

By John Noble Wilford

New York Times Service EW YORK - In the search for modern human origins, it has been five years. Molecular hiologists studying certain genetic compo-nents of today's humans had come to the startlingly precise conclusion that all family trees lead back to a single African woman who lived some 200,000 years ago — the mother of all humankind, who inevitably came to be known as Eve.

has slithered into the garden. Its hite has undermined a critical statistical foundation for the Eve hy-

The bormonal decline may also

pleton, a geneticist at Washington Insist that other evidence reassures of living people of different races this field. Dr. Douglas C. Wallace The Weakness in the Wilson University in St. Louis, Missouri. them that Africa is the most likely and from different continents. humankind is rooted in Africa is ern human species. They are less not supported by the data," he con- sure, however, of the timing.

oppose the hypothesis are claimin victory. They argue that the fossil record tells a different story. In particular, they dispute the idea of a single place of origin and the implication that modern, big-hrained Homo sapiens arose in Africa as a brand new species and replaced, rather than mixed with,

Europe and Asia. Their view is that the evolution to modern humans occurred roughsimultaneously in many places. Geneticists at the forefront of the Damaging flaws in the computer analysis leading to the hypothesis were uncovered by Dr. Alan Tem-

archaic humans there as well as in

"The inference that the tree of place for the emergence of the mod-

Dr. Mark Stoneking, a molecular Anthropologists who vigorously biologist at Pennsylvania State University, said: "The data do indicate an African origin. But you can't say that the non-African ori-gin is statistically ruled out."

Dr. Stoneking was a member of the research team, then at the University of California at Berkeley, that in 1987 reported the genetic analysis giving rise to the Eve hy-pothesis. Others on the team were Dr. Linda Vigilant, now also of Penn State, and Dr. Rebecca L. Cann of the University of Hawaii. The leader, Dr. Allan C. Wilson of

Berkeley, died last year. Eve hypothesis concede the statisti-cal flaws in their analysis. But they mitochondrial DNA in the blood

through generations, unmixed with paternal genes, and so is easily traced. Also, mitochondrial DNA is thought to mutate at a rapid and constant rate, making it an accurate evolutionary clock. This as-

sumption is contested by some oth-Last year, Dr. Vigilant and her colleagues reported results that they said provided the "strongest support yet" for a recent African origin of modern humans

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modern humans originated in Afri-But Dr. Templeton, who dropped the bombshell in Febru-

ary in a brief announcement in the journal Science, said recently that selected depended on the order in scientists might never be able to which the data were introduced resolve the issue of modern human

"There is no computer program that exists today," he said, "that is guaranteed to reconstruct the optimum best tree" to prove the out-of-Africa hypothesis.

Dr. Templeton is preparing a de-tailed critique for publication later this year in the journal American Anthropologist. In his analysis of current genetic evidence, he said, the timing of modern human ori-gins could range from 100,000 years ago to one million.

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of Emory University, said the diversity of findings developed by said, lay in how the biologists used
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Dr. Vigilant and others constituted the genetic data to construct a fampart of a cell that conone of the most convincing arguily tree. Their computer program
verts food into energy for ments for the Eve hypothesis. The new statistical criticism, he parsimonious tree, one based on the fewest assump mutations. As Dr. Templeton pointed out

there could be millions of consil plausible trees, and the tree arrived at was only one of these. The one and analyzed. He also faulted the results be-

cause the trees generated were only for mitochondrial DNA, not for populations of humans. One strand of genetic evolution cannot be assumed to reveal the total evolutionary picture of a species.

Right now, there's no statistical evidence supporting the African or-gin of the natochondrial DNA we are studying." Dr. Templeton said. "Ewen if that was proven, it still does not prove that modern humans necessarily originated in Africa."

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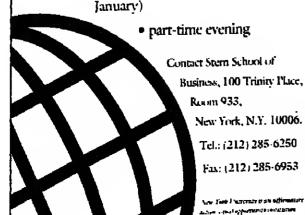
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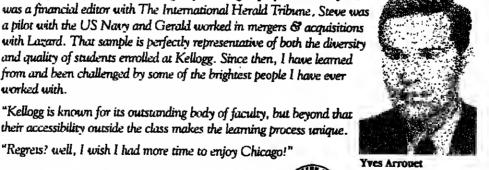
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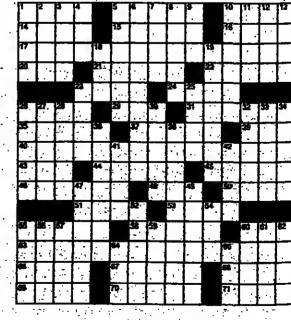
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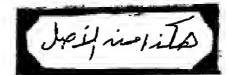
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Repression in Bangkok

Betraying His Country when Washington is their source. Bangkok

Apologists for last year's military coup in Thailand argued that it was benign, even constructive. The democratic government it example, the Bush administration eliminatousted was clearly corrupt. The technocrats ed a proposed prime minister from further it appointed to office were intelligent, honest and competent. And the coup's mastermind. General Suchinda Kraprayoon, solemply promised that he would never take political power into his own hands. But constructive coups are as rare in real life as unicorns. Today. General Suchinda runs Thailand as its unelected prime minister. He has brought back corruption and suffocates democratic government. Worst of all, be has ordered his troops to fire their M-16s at prodemocracy demonstrators. Scores have been shot in Bangkok. Protests have spread to other cities and the death toll climbs.

It is up to Thai leaders, especially King Bhumibol Adulyadej, to resolve this crisis by re-establishing democratic rule. The United States can also play a useful role. Already it has suspended most forms of cooperation with this bloodstained regime. Now it needs to denounce General Suchinda in the strongest terms.

Words matter in Thailand, especially

Troops Fire on Citizens

Another Asian military regime, in an implicit confession of moral and polinical bankruptcy, is sending its troops into the streets to fire on citizens demonstrating for democracy. This time a confrontation of official power and popular urgency is cresting in Thailand. Dozens have been killed, hundreds wounded and thousands detained as the military dictator, General Suchinda Kraprayoon, who made a coup last year and, although unelected, had himself named prime minister last month, clings to power.

The military has held the commanding heights in Thailand for 60 years. In the Cold War period, a case of sorts could be made that the country's threatening circumstances required, or at least made useful, a strong hand at the helm. It mattered, too, in recent years that military rule seemed not incompatible with economic growth. But with the defusing of regional tensions and the burgeoning of an educated middle class, the army's rationale for power has diffused, and a strong civilian claim to power has been validated. Also, the military establishment

will go to considerable lengths to avoid jeopardizing its military and economic links to the United States. Several weeks ago, for consideration when it denounced him as a suspected drug figure and therefore ineligible to travel to the United States. Surely Americans regard shooting peaceful demonstrators to be as repulsive as drug dealing Declaring General Suchinda persona non grata could spur his departure or a

face-saving compromise.

Chamlong Srimuang, the leader of the current protests, is a former general. But in two terms as governor of Bangkok he earned respect for decency, competence and devotion to democratic ideals. Those ideals are now supported by many in the

urban middle and working classes. Until recently, Thailand seemed poised for further economic gains. Now it risks being dragged down into turmoil. By putting personal amhition ahead of Thailand's best interests. General Suchinda has betrayed the rhetoric of his own coup. And he has betraved his country.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

got carelessly greedy, both institutionally and personally. These are the conditions in which a retired general turned ascetic, Chamlong Srimuang, became a national spokesman for democracy and the battle

against corruption. Leader of the current

demonstrations, be is now under arrest. The United States has lived comfortably with military rule in Thailand for many decades, especially during the Vietnam War, when Thai support for American regional purposes was highly prized. More recently, Washington has sought to display in Thailand some of the same devotion to democratic values that it has asserted in less strategic places; it suspended aid, for instance, at last year's coup. Still, the latest events caught the American government in the embarrassing circumstances of conducting joint military exercises with the Thai army. Too many Americans have seen economics-oriented authoritarian rule in such places as Thailand as an accepted and acceptable state of affairs. There never should have been any doubt, in the armed forces or among the Thai public,

about whose side Washington was on. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

Two Shots, From Behind

Pathologists who performed the autopsy on John Kennedy now reaffirm that he was struck by two rifle shots from the rear. By organizing and publishing this restatement of a key finding of the Warren Commission, The Journal of the American Medical Association has performed a service for reasonable people and reason.

Heated claims of conspiracy endure even after three decades; the clamor will probably never end entirely. But this basic physical evidence survives and, to all those willing to listen, it offers proof against paranoia.

All that Dr. James Humes and Dr. Thorn-

ton Boswell conclude is that the president's wounds did not and do not lie. A bruise at the rear of the neck signifies a bullet's entry. The "beveling" or angle of the bone fracture at the back of the skull makes clear the direction of the bullet that blew away the side of the president's head. It is like deducmg the direction of a BB shot from its path through a pane of glass, small at the entry point and coning out at the other side.

Conspiracy buffs remain free to contend all they please that other would-be assassins fired (and missed) in Dallas on that terrible day in November 1963. Or that Lee Harvey Oswald was only the point man in a conspiracy involving gangsters or Cubans or even all the high officials named by the character "X" in the Oliver Stone movie "JFK."

Jim Garrison, the New Orleans prosecutor whose relentless pursuit of a conspiracy is glorified in the film, knew of this evidence and its clarity. So did the jury that swiftly acquitted Clay Shaw, the businessman whom Mr. Garrison falsely accused of conspiracy. The Stope film omitted this evidence from its portrayal of the trial. For these and other reasons, it makes

considerable sense for the federal government to declassify and publish reams of still secret information. Students of the assassination who are neither hysterical nor paranoid believe that there is still much to learn about the assassin and about the actions of intelligence agencies. Congress is proceeding wisely to create a commission for that purpose. To be credible, that commission must have the power to override the resistance of intelligence agencies.
Yet the Bush administration has opposed

and even threatened to veto a bill moving in both houses. Why? Because the White House insists that Congress respect the president's ultimate authority over secrets. Would that George Bush understood as clearly as the medical journal how much more important it is to satisfy the public's rightful quest for the rest of the John Kennedy assassination story. Frustrating it will only feed the flames of suspicion.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

In Bangkok as in Beijing?

The Thai government of Prime Minister Suchinda Kraprayoon seems to be proudly copying the Chinese in the way it is putting down its political enemies. What is happening in Bangkok resembles the bloody events around Tianamen Square in Beijing three years ago. The military does not only fire warning shots over the heads of government opponents hut also aims its shots at the crowd. The army has confirmed what the population has been claiming for a long time: In reality. Thailand has a malitary government again, even if the general at its head is no longer active in the armed forces. Many those who stood up against General Suchinda might have been satisfied if he had at least had a parliamentary mandate. - Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

The demonstrators are fighting against what they see as manifold betrayals by General Suchinda: his decision to accept the premiership after saying he would not; his inclusion in the cabinet of members not known for their honesty in the Chatichai Choonhavan government, which be overthrew because of its alleged corruption; and, lastly, his reneging on a pledge to allow constitutional amendments that would make

it necessary for the premier to be elected. However, it would be unrealistic to be- land's economic transformation. lieve that the opposition politicians who are

using the crowds to make these points against General Suchinda are fighting to defend political principles and not political interests - their own. There is a great deal of self-serving politicking going on in Thai-land, in which the opposition is implicated as much as anyone else. What is tragic is that ordinary Thais have to pay for it.

— The Straits Times (Singapore).

As is true everywhere in Southeast Asia, economic progress has wrought some fun-damental changes and given birth to rising demands. It is, of course, not for us to say what is best for the Thais. Our only hope is that all the parties involved in the current conflict may see reason before too much damage is done. The first to benefit from stability and continued growth would be the Thais themselves.

— The Jakarta Post.

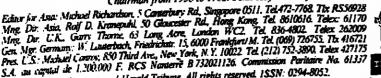
The notion that economic freedoms can flourish without democracy is once again being tested to death, this time in Bangkok, capital of one of the world's most rapidly growing economies. General Suchinda has chosen to send in the troops rather than accede to popular demand that he stand down as prime minister. He has merely set the stage for further and probably more violent confrontations, jeopardizing Thai-

- The Times (London).

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The Wordy West Fiddles While Ex-Yugoslavia Burns

WASHINGTON — As horror unfolds in Bosnia, Western leaders deplore the violence but avoid serious action. The State Department spokesman says she is "not aware of" any American security interest at stake, while European Community foreign ministers schedule consideration of economic sanctions for mid-June. This is a green

Why do we need American troops in Europe if they are not going to be used for real security problems?

light to more killing in the Balkans and to future aggressors everywhere.

Serbian assets should be frozen immedi-

ately. Serbia's planes should be denied international landing rights. And a total military and economic embargo should be enforced except for humanitarian assistance.

The United States should offer to join a greatly beefed-up international military force,

not only to ensure that humanitarian aid gets through but also to prevail over the thugs terrorizing the country.

But that is only the first step and not necessarily the hard part. To ensure more

than a temporary truce, the West must also find ways to protect the human rights of Serbs living in an independent Croatia or Bosnia. Western governments must also do every-thing possible to keep ethnic tensions in other

countries from getting to this point.

They must first stop confusing the status quo with stability, and instead provide peaceful means of change.
The United States, Canada and Europe

have made impressive commitments in the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe on how governments should treat their citizens, including minorities. Those standards should be expanded to include peaceful means of resolving secessionist claims, including acceptance of third-party involvement in internal disputes and the results of internationally organized referendums.

By Jenonne Walker

But fine words save few lives. A panel of international jurists should monitor minority grievances. Diplomatic and economic sanctions should be imposed on governments that violate minority rights — before passion overwhelms any calculation of rational self-interest. And an outside military force should be put on the ground before fighting starts and while mediation efforts

proceed --- or now in Macedonia. Perbaps most important, multilateral forces need a mandate to keep peace, not just observe it so long as it lasts. A military force unwilling to fight is a poor deterrent. All this must be done together. Merely

preventing violence defends the status quo.

None of this will be painless, safe or cheap. Economic sanctions will hart the innocent as well as the guilty, but surely the innocent would suffer less than they now are in Bosnia. It is hard to separate hostile groups when they are mixed street by street, but Americans do not take that as reason not to use soldiers to quell urban violence in their own cities.

Getting serious about peacekeeping will mean putting American soldiers at risk, sometimes under non-American command and in

singuions that do not directly threaten us. It may also mean leaving them there for a long Mone

shog, without a decisive victory.

Enforcing embargoes, getting momanitarism and to the immocrat, expanding the concept of peacekeeping—all will cost money.

But the share of the United States would be a

lot less than it now spends keeping combat

divisions sitting in Germany.

It was a sad day when Russia joined America's NATO allies in a United Nations force for Yugoslavia while Washington declined even token participation. Why do we need American troops in Europe if they are not going to be used for real security problems?

America alone cannot avert future Yago-

slavias, but nothing can be done without American leadership and active participation. Europe's peace is far more threatened by ethnic and other tensions within states than by aggression across borders. If America still wants to remain a power there, it cannot be absent without leave -- AWOL

The writer, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, contributed this comment to The New York Times.

Outsiders Watch America Respond to the Los Angeles Question

WASHINGTON — Americans can usually count on the French to point out our flaws. In the matter of the Los Angeles riots they

The president and the prime minister of France have helpfully noted in interviews in Paris that the burning, looting and killing in Los Angeles were the product of American political and social choices, not isolated occurrences. Alarmed commentary in the French media amplified the im-

oge of America falling apart.
Since the time of Charles de Gaulle, much French criticism of America has been knee-jerkism practiced by a people and their politicians who define their national identity by resisting the American model. They dispute, they oppose, they differ - therefore, they exist. Descartes knew his people well.

But it is dangerous to dismiss the French with our own jerk of the knee. For all the tendentious sermonizing, sometimes the French have harsh but valuable messages that only they will deliver. Frequently they back out what many other nations will only whisper.

It is too early to tell if this is the case in the aftermath of Los Angeles. With America's political and social responses to the riots still taking shape, foreigners cannot know what the long-term meaning of the riots will be for us or for them. But the subdued, oblique and open-

ly embarrassed responses that foreign visitors offer when I bring up the nots
— they respond as if I had just men-tioned a death in the immediate family - suggests that they see Los Angeles as an important tragedy in our national life, with long-lasting fallout.

That sense pervades François Mitterrand's May I statement on French

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By Jim Hoagland radio describing Los Angeles as "a racial and a social conflict all in one"

happening in a country where "there is an absence of social legislation and protection." America, he noted "is a conservative society, with a free market economy, and we see some of the results" of conservative neglect in the Los Angeles strife.

The French president skirted close to portraying Los Angeles as a kind of cultural Charactery for the United States — a brutal wake-up call that will either shake America into action or poison the nation if nothing is done about this disaster.

Whatever his intention, Mr. Mitterrand's intervention in American domestic matters spurred Secretary of State Jim Baker into immediate action. Mr. Baker, the architect of George Bush's 1988 electoral victory, dispatched a blistering cable to French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas asking, m effect, whose side Mr. Mitterrand was on anyway.

Mr. Dumas has been trying to unruffle the Bush and Baker feathers ever since, first in a conciliatory response to Mr. Baker and then during a visit to Washington last week, without retreating by even a comma from what Mr. Mitterrand said.

Mr. Mitterrand's comment "was made in the heat of the moment, Mr. Dumas said over breakfast at the residence of French Ambassador Jacques Andréani here the other day. "It described the social context of the problem, and did not in any way put into doubt the respect President Mit-terrand feels for President Bush."

Mr. Bush and Mr. Baker are inclined to treat Mr. Dumas's explanation as an apology and to move on. It is in their short-term interests to do so rather than give continued promi-nence to criticisms of their domestic policies by a foreign head of state. But Americans should not brush off Mr. Mitterrand's basic point solely because it was uttered with a French accent, or because Mr. Mitterrand

was grinding his own political ax.

The French president meant to draw a sharp contrast between France's generous social welfare poli-cies and America's survival-of-the-fittest ethos. With tensions growing in and around France's Arch and Ahican ghettos, he was reassuring his electorate that "it won't hannen here" as long as they stick with the Socialists.

That is part of the traditional

French-American game. But there are enough parallels between Mr. Mitterrand's pessimism about the American system and the unguarded remarks leaders have been making about

social cohesion to raise some funda-mental questions about how the rest of

the world sees America today.

Diversity, we have long argued to the Japanese and other uncompre-heading foreignes, is a key to Ameri-can strength, not a fatal weakness. Our system turns diverse national, ethnic and racial groups into Americans and

draws new strength from the process. That has been perceived to be time for two centuries. The violence of Los Angeles asks in direct, embarrassing fashion if Americans still see diversity as a source of strength, or as an insurmountable problem to be con-

tained by force. As we Americans debate what to do about Los Angeles, we should recall that the whole world is watching. The immediate test of America's ambition to maintain world leadership is occurring today not in Berlin and Seoul but in California's City of America in California's City of Angels.

The Washington Post.

The Official Rhetoric So Far Hasn't Been Serious

SOUTH BEND, Indiana — In a speech both unctuous and, to a university audience, condescending, George Bush told the University of Notre Dame Commencement on Sunday that family values create social stability, and that "government is simply not enough" to instill those values. This unexceptionable argument was delivered in terms suggesting that gov-ernment scarcely has a role at all in America's social crisis, and that President Bush himself is little more than a concerned bystander. After what has happened in Los Angeles, it was a-

strange performance.

By William Pfaff It was above all strange when Daniel Patrick Moynihan was also on the platform, being honored by Notre Dame. In accepting the university's Lactare Medal, the Democratic senstor from New York spoke succinctly about the ghetto family in America, a subject on which he has been a prophetic analyst as well as an advocate of policies much attacked from left and right for the challenge they have posed to the self-serving assumptions of activists and politicians.

He said that cohort after cohort of

American black males have reached maturity deprived of firm male role models and stable family circumstances, without trades or useful education, with no reasonable prospect of meaningful employment — without "man's work" to do, as Paul Goodman put it more than 30 years ago. He said that those national leaders who allowed this have invited the conditions that now prevail in big cities. Those programs to strengthen fam-

ilies and provide training and em-ployment to the black underclass that were established under Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon (in both of whose governments Mr. Moynihau.

> dismantled under the Reagan and Bush administrations. Mr. Bush en-The riots in Los Angeles have changed the political dialogue in the United States, making social policy an unexpectedly serious electoral isspe. Polls indicate substantial public support — indeed, public demand — for new measures to deal with the problems of the black underclass. There is a near tangible spirit of

goodwill in the country today.

served) were deliberately neglected or

But goodwill is not enough. It simply is not serious for Mr. Bush to tell a Notre Dame audience which is over-whelmingly white, middle-class and Roman Catholic that family stability is a good thing. What news is that? What responsible point is made by what responsible point is made by saying it while doing little at the federal level to support the family?

The problem of the black underclass is rooted in the 250-year practice

of slavery in America and in the centuof stavery in America and in the centu-ry of quasi-official racial segregation and oppression that followed Emanci-pation. The underclass thus produced was, with the civil rights legislation of the 1960s, offered a promise of es-cape from racial discrimination and the poverty that overwhelmingly were part of the black condition. Those who could seize this opportunity did so and escaped the ghetto.

During the Reagan and Bush administrations, however, the United

States has seemed to say to those who failed to escape that the fault is theirs; they have been given their chance.

The principal public preoccupation has become the attempt to assure the security of those outside the ghettos — overwhelmingly white — from the depredations of rootiess and violent young black men. This effort has not been very successful, so that American cities today, their shops, offices, apart-ments and homes, must be fortified

and patrolled in a manner that suggests an urban America under siege. As for the black poor left behind the rest of us step over their ragged persons in downtown Los Angeles, on Connection: Avenue and in Georgetown in Washington, and on Madison and Fifth Avenues in New York and Fitth Avenues in New York

avoiding eye contact, glancing over
our shoulders, ignoring their requests
for spare change and harrying on.
On the political right it is contended

. that destitution and misery for some is an essential discipline of the market, a matter in which race is of no intrinsic significance and where interference would distort the market's ultimate benevolence. On the left the destitute are offered advocacy but are also treated either as a class phenomer - again, apart from race - or as if their condition were a career decision

or life-style choice.

It is politically incorrect to say the poor are poor — blighted, miserable, detelict — since this might seem condescending and damaging to their self-esteem; they are described as econom-ically challenged, and called "street people." Churches enjoin us to respect the street people. You and I are home or apartment people; they are street people. To each according to his taste.

The New Republic, which still claims to be a progressive magazine, proposes as the "only" rational solution to the crisis, of the gletto the distinction of all federal professions.

climination of all federal welfare programs and their replacement with a single program offering a government-guaranteed job to anyone who will work. As it is a fundamental characteristic of the ghette that a large part of its population is incapable of working, for good reasons or bad, this plan is let-the rest-perish with a vengeance.

No new stroke of policy will elevate
the underclass. That "magic bullet"
solutions which actually would further impoverish the poorest in society are scriously proposed, while many Republicans, including the vice president, continue to explain the Los Angeles affair as Lyndon Johnson's fault, drives one toward the conclusion that

America's political class today, as a whole, is incapable of a serious re-sponse to the racial crisis. There will be no reconciliation between the races other than by patient, pragmatic, long-term programs to bring the black underclass to some-thing approaching full participation in productive society. Even now, with concern pronounced on all sides, there is little sign that this actually will be attempted.

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zuclan news has been furnished by the Herald's correspondent on the spot, and everything the Herald said has been confirmed by passengers of the Red D Line steamers, President Palacio's own bulletins and by mail advices received by merchants in this city. President Palacio has just expelled from Veneznela the correspondent of the New York Recorder, and has offered a generalship in the army to the person who discovers the identity of the Herald's correspondent, as he wants to expel him also.

1917: Regent for Poland

states that in the course of the war council yesterday [May 19] at Ger-man Headquarters, the constitution of the Government of Poland and the appointment of a Regent were definitely decided upon. The Regent will certainly be Archduke Charles

Stephen of Austria. A proclamation to this effect will be made shortly in the Central Empires.

1942: 'Sixth Columnists' WASHINGTON - IFrom our New

economic powers," and he described such powers as those of "just plain Fascist economics." However, 88serting that economic dictatorship must not encroach upon civil liberties, Mr. Hoover advocated more freedom for "sixth columnists" to discuss the war and criticize Washington's methods of conducting it. "And criticism of the conduct of the war is necessary if we are to win the war." Mr. Hoover added. "We want the war conducted fight. Democracy can correct mistakes only through public exposure and opposition to them."

to define himself — to pick a running mate and a set of broad principles on which to run.

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Democratic Convention Preview:

Clinton Has Only Seven Weeks Left

WASHINGTON — Bill Clin-ton is in a jam. Neither George Bush nor Ross Perot is worry-free, but Mr. Clinton has the most work to do in the shortest availahle time.

The problem is not so much that the Arkansas governor runs third in current polls behind President Bush and industrialist-billionaire Perot. Superficially at least, the margins are not insuperable. And the election is almost six months away.

Mr. Bush has to come up with some kind of response to the Los Angeles nots. He is squirming under

the necessity of mucking about in domestic policy, which has never been a comfortable area for him. Mr. Perot has had a wonderful run as the cracker-barrel commentator on the failings of both parties' political establishments. Millions of disillusioned voters love it when he gives Washington bell. But now he is near the point where be has to begin

Still, Mr. Clinton's task is more urgent and daunting.

If you are the Democratic challenger, the weeks leading up to your nominating convention are the time when you have to consolidate your base for the autumn campaign. There are more nominal Democrats than Republicans. Republican general election campaigns are designed to split the Democratic coalition and peel off dissident or weak Democrats. If the Democratic nominee

does not have those folks at least

temporarily corralled by midsum-mer, he has little chance of with-standing the defections of the fall.

By David S. Broder

President Gerald Ford in 1976, he had a 33-point lead at the time of the Democratic convention and held on to win by 2 percentage points. In 1983, Michael Dukakis had a 17-point lead at convention time, but lost by 8 points. Mr. Carter and Mr. Dukakis built

up those early leads by rolling up sizable victories over remaining foes in most of the May and early June primaries. Mr. Clinton has been trouncing Jerry Brown, but there is no sign of consolidation. A CNN-Time magazine poll shows him with only 41 percent of the sampled Democrats in a trial heat against Mr.

Bush and Mr. Perot. Mr. Perot is clearly a big part of Mr. Clinton's problem, for he has stolen the spotlight at a time when Mr. Clinton needs to get at least the Democrats to take a second look at him. The problem is acute. Mr. Perot is expected to make his formal declaration of candidacy and perhaps re-veal the choice of his running mate late next month. If he does, he could easily eclipse the normal buildup that the Democratic challenger re-ceives in the weeks leading up to the mid-July Democratic convention.

Mr. Perot has the potential to change the whole story line for that convention in a way that could be crippling to Mr. Clinton's credibility. Current polls show Mr. Clinton running third, not only in national trial heats but in many of the individual states that a Democrat must carry in order to have any hope of gaining the White House. It is not rare to see poils showing him re-When Jimmy Carter ran against ceiving barely more than a quarter

Unless the governor can find some way to upgrade his standing— and prospects—dramatically be-tween now and the July 13 opening of the Democratic convention in Madison Square Garden, the story line for convention week coverage inevitably will become: Will the Democrats jettison Clinton? Realists recognize that even in a

year as unpredictable as this one, the man who comes into the convention having won most of the primaries and more than half the delegates is unlikely to have the nomination snatched away from him. But that is not the real threat. The concern for Mr. Clinton must be that reporters working the delega-

tions will find local party officials and candidates for everything from sheriff to senator cutting themselves loose from the presidential nominee. Even in his hour of triumph in Atlanta four years ago, Mr. Duka-kis was damaged by the rumbles from Democratic convention dele-gates from almost all the South, much of the Midwest and the entire

Mountain States region that be just wasn't connecting with their voters. You could write — and many of us did — that even when the national polls showed Mr. Dukakis ahead of Mr. Bush, it looked doubtful that he could assemble a majority in the Electoral College. Mr. Clinton faces far bleaker

convention week coverage, unless he can improve his situation dramatically in the next seven weeks. Mr. Perot and Mr. Bush have plenty of problems and vulnerabilities of their own, but they have more time to work their way past the hazards. The Washington Post.

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OPINION

Slavia Burng When Government Spins Money in a Closed Circle By George F. Will

WASHINGTON — With the tides of anti-incombent sentiment lapping higher and higher. Washington's hands stop trembling only when Washington is wringing its hands in unregard horror about the coming constimional amendment to require a balancet budget. A sufficient reason for natifying the amendment is the horfor it inspires in the political class that

has transformed American democracy into sutonarchy. That word was coined by James L payne, a scholar who has taught at Yale and Johns Hopkins and elsewhere. He asked a simple question and in answering it came up with some stunning statistics that he reported in The Public Interest quarterly two years ago —and pothing much has changed since then. His question was: Why do members of the House of Representatives and the

Senate support so many spending programs? One reason, he found, is that almost no one testifies against spending. amost no one testifies against spending.

He analyzed the testimony of 1,060 witnesses, in 14 hearings, on proposed spending, 39 were neutral (they testified about something else) and 1,014 favored spending. This 145-to-1 ratio reflects wishington's inbred persuasion process.

Mr. Payme says that people suppose, because democratic theory teaches, that Congress responds primarily to individuals and groups "out there," beyond the Beltway. Not so, "Overwhelmingly, Congress's views on spending programs are shaped by government officials themselves."

Of the 1,060 witnesses Mr. Payne

Of the 1,060 witnesses Mr. Payne sindied, 47 percent federal administrators, 10 percent were state or local government officials, and 6 percent U.S. senators or representatives testifying to olleagues. So 63 percent represented overment acting as an interest group. Another 33 percent were lobbyists for groups purporting to be, and generally perceived to be, private-sector institutions. But, Mr. Payne says, many of these groups are "semi-governmental entiries." Often their leaders are former government officials socialized in covernments bearing with of its own in government's benign view of its own notives and competence.

Furthermore, many of these groups are extensions of government in that they receive government contracts and grants. He cites the National Council of Churches, the National Education Association, the League of Women Bolies, the Sterra Citib and other envi-

roquerial groups.
Government's peculiar persuasion process also includes billions of government additions apent biring consultants to evaluate government programs or the need for programs. These consul-tants are not famous for frowning on the work of the government agencies that there themgosly, more than the signoisolycelimbus for hiring politi-a reduction to order all temes or Signification of the State of the State of States

cally unsympathetic evaluators. The evaluators are socialized for sympathy. Many are former government officials inclined to favor what government wants: more. An evaluator who wants to be invited back to the federal banquet will, when confronted with a failing program, prescribe "better man-

agement" and more money.

Mr. Payne says that when he discussed his 145-to-1 finding with congressional staffers they were surprised -surprised it was so low. He also found -no surprise, this -that among representatives and senators, Republicans as well as Democrats, support for spending

increases as tenure does. There are two reasons for a broad correlation between length of service and enthusiasm for spending. One is the socialization into the government mentality. Another is that spending is the principal way members achieve

long tenures.
Today, for example, the ranking Republican on the House Appropriations Committee, Joseph McDade, is in serious legal trouble but nn political trouble. He has been indicted for racketering, conspiracy and accepting bribes. He shall be presumed innocent until proven guilty, but he can be presumed guilty of what he boasts about and what causes his constituents to care not at all about his legal troubles: He is a billion dollar industry for his district.

Pennsylvania's 10th district -Scranton and its environs — used to be coal country. Today it relies on a different kind of extraction, its 15term congressman's mining of the U.S. Treasury, Federal, state and local governments have collaborated with each other's growth. The scores of millions he has won for Scranton's "Steamtown," the notorious boon-doggle of a railroad museum, is just a fraction of the estimated \$1 billion he has shoveled to his voters.

They are not ingrates. Not since 1976 has a Democratic opponent held him below 65 percent of the vote, He was unopposed in 1990. This year be won not only the Republican nomination but also, by a write-in campaign, the Democratic nomination. Next year he will begin his fourth decade as a participant in American - what?

Democracy? Maybe, But Mr. Payne's analysis of Washington's incestuous closed circle of government in conver-sation with itself led him to muse about if rule by a king is monarchy, and rule by a single individual is autocracy, and rule by a few is oligarchy, and rule

cracy, what word describes government that controls itself? Mr. Payne suggests antonarchy. Ugly word. Ugly fact. Good reason for a balanced budget amendment.

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By the Coloratura Principle By John Navone

Italy: Getting Ahead in Life

ROME—It is no accident that Italy's presidential election has been described as comic opera. After all, Italians invented opera. If symphonic music, where conformity is valued, order is important and rules are many, symbolizes the dynamics of German society, opera best symbolizes the Italian way of being in the world together with all others.

Just as bella figura expresses the Italian ideal of looking good, hel canto expresses the Italian ideal of sounding good. Beau-

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ty in both appearance and sound is all part of making a good impression. The coloratura principle, improvisa-tion, is at the heart of Italian life. Coloratura - the extemporary decoration of vocal melody in the form of runs, roulades and cadenzas - demands the ability in improvise. The composer leaves the improvisation to the skills and imagination of the singer. Italians envision their lawmakers as composers who presume their genius and skill for improvisation.

The lawmaker, like the composer, does not specify everything. General guide-lines should suffice for people with a genius for improvisation. The coloratura principle vexes and bewilders people of a egalistic, legal-minded and fundamental istic cultural background.

Opera is histrionic or theatrical. Even

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shun Ethnic Nationalists

With the breakup of Communist governments, the world is experiencing an unprecedented reorganization and birth of new nations. Unfortunately, there is a dominant trend to define the new nation-states throughout Eastern Europe along ethnic lines. This has immediately resulted in severe internal conflicts, to the point of civil wars in Yugoslavia and the former Soviet Union.

The newly born Baltic states as well as Armenia and Azerbaijan are moving to exclude ethnic Russians from citizenship, in each case, differentiation be-tween those who belong to the newly formed national entity and those who are to be excluded is based on ethnic or religious affiliation.
These nascent nations are importun-

ing the developed nations to support their development and implicitly en-dorse their "racial" definition. Despite their nationalization of ethnic bias, they by the people - the demos - is demoare seeking both economic and "hnmanitarian" aid, Would we be support-ing real democracy or merely subsidiz-

ing the dominant ethnic majority?
The countries being born from the ashes of communism need to realize that history teaches that ethnic definition of his article, give Belgrade an ultimatum:

national boundaries precludes growth as players in the international community. Why should the United States and the European Community not move to impede the growth of nations that will dejure be based on religion or ethnic puri-ty, for example by denying favored trace status or financial support in such na-tinns? Should not the EC adopt a policy denying membership to countries de-fined by ethnically restrictive laws? In these positive ways, the free world can influence human rights in those nations purporting to join the community of free world countries. It may be impessible to stop individual prejudice, but perhaps we can discourage and inhibit institu-tional, specifically national, prejudice.

Yes, Threaten Belgrade

WILLIAM CURTIS CONNER Jr.

Regarding "Threaten Milosevic With the Saddam Treatment" (Opinion, April 27) by Anthony Lewis:

As the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina escalates, it becomes once again clear that external pressure is the only thing that can check Serbian aggression. And so, as Anthony Lewis suggests in

Withdraw your troops, halt this aggression upon your neighbors, or prepare for a military strike vourselves. Even the threat of such action will probably show up Mr. Milosevic for the coward he is. JON E. ENGDAHL Idar-Operstein, Germany.

A Truly Global Network

How does the world respond when a repressive regime raises the self-serving argument that foreign journalists are moddling in its affairs and must be expeiled? Why not call upon the United Nations to establish a globally minded, objective network that embraces television, newspapers and radio? Think of it: News 24 hours a day along nonpartisan, nonregional, non-trade-bloc lines, in the spirit of the UN Charter.

Could a government question the ob-jectivity of a UN-sponsored news net-work? For their part, mess with the UN reporters and you risk sanctions.

UNN, the United Nations Network, could produce movies with global themes. UN-label compact discs and tapes would feature promising young artists from around the world or deal with global issues like AIDS and birth control. The danger, of course, would be bu-

reaucrats. The solution could be in determine tenure according to the strength of global television ratings. Bores and fundamentalist zealots need not apply. ALEXANDER BESHER.

Criticism Begins at Home

In response to the report "Mitterrand Blames U.S. on Social Policies" (May 2): President François Mitterrand should worry more about people being pushed French trains because they are of North African origin; about people being dug out of graves because they were Jewish: about children being shut outside suburban housing projects hecause they have nowhere to go. He should mind his own husiness. PHIL LUBOFF.

Sceaux, France,

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audience has to near you: otherwise, life/opera does not work. If life is theatrical, to be is to be performing. Life is not so much actional acting. The only real statement is overstatement1 If there is going to be any opera at all, someone has to be center stage; the prima donna. Significantly, it is a wornan who acts as the organizing principle. for both the music drama that is opera-

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and the drama of Italian life Mamma is not only chronologically hui also psychologically the prime don-na ("first lady"), the focus of Italian life,

secular and sacred. The mother of Jesus, the Madonna, is central to Italian religious life. Life without mamma — the prima dunna both in heaven and on earth — is inconceivable.

The quintessential Italian (avoring of

melody in opera expresses the demand that life be beautiful. Its disparate elements must be integrated, composed and harmonized. Melody expresses the Italian quest for simplicity and harmony within the welter of human complexity based on the assumption that the only simplicity that counts is that which resulis from mastering complexity. The good opera/life entails the about to orchestrate complexity according to some freely chosen mylody plot line.

Many of the most melodious Italian nperas were written when haly was dominated by foreign powers and ransacked by invading armies. The ability to create melodic operas in these times of adversity suggests some pre-conceptual power, akin to that of Joan of Arc. for the hearing of "heavenly voices," inspiring Italians with the hope of working through the all-encompassing chaos. Where there is melody there is hope.

Verdi's stirring youthful music became a symbol of the Italian people's desire for freedom, but it was also because of its fervor, melodiousness and dramatic power that "Nubucco" was performed not only in Italy but also within a decade in cities as far afteld as Berlin, Constantinople, St. Petersburg and London,

As chaotic as Italian life and politics appear to foreign observers. Italy has consistently made progress since the end of World War II to become the world's fifth industrial power, in a way that combines all the befudding and amazing qualities of grand opera.

The Reverend John Navene, S.J., is pro-fessor of biblical theology at the Gregorian University in Rome He contributed this comment to the Herald Tribune.

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Federated Branches Out Into Information Systems

By Stephanie Strom New York Times Service

EW YORK — When Federated Department Stores Inc. emerged from bankruptcy protection in February, the born-again company was no longer simply an operator of eight department-store chains. Federated

had entered the information-processing business.

Through its Sabre Group (not related to American Airlines' Sabre reservation system), Federated is selling to other retailers the computerized inventory-management and back-office recordkeeping service it uses in its own stores. R.H. Macy & Co. has been a Sabre client since 1990, under a contract worth \$6 million

a war to Federated.
In an industry that long re-lied on merchants' creative inmition, but lately finds itself preoccupied with minuscule or nonexistent profit margins, department stores are finding that information technology can help identify which prodncts are selling and warn of which ones may be slouching

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The technology helps retailers identify what's hot and what's not.

toward the clearance bins. "It gives you instant access to information that helps you make indements about how to run your business, which you never had before," said Glen H. Griffith, chief executive of Sabre, based in

Federated is by no means the only big U.S. retailer to automate its inventory and sales records. Dillard Department Stores has a similar system of its own, as does May Department Stores Co. and others. But because retailers tend to be extremely proprietary about information their stores generate, companies have tended to run their own systems.

In a move that should help Sabre establish its operation as distinct from Federated, the group recently selected International Business Machines Corp. as its outside vendor. Under the agreement, non-Federated retailers will contract with IBM for the computer hardware and software that will enable them to use the system. So far, Macy is the only outside customer, but Sabre officials say they are courting other retailers.

ABRE centralizes all back-office and inventory-manage-ment functions that used to be done on paper by each of Federated's eight divisions. The consolidation should allow

Federated to manage inventory more efficiently, analyze sales and speed up the restocking of stores.

The system drastically reduces overlap and allows buyers and managers at, say, Burdine's, to compare that chain's performance with Sterns, Abraham & Straus or any other Federated division.

Sabre tracks inventory from the time a purchase order is placed, through the delivery and distribution process until a sale is made. It keeps track of payments through an accounts-payable system, tells a user when a delivery was made and where, and records each and every sale.

By accounting for the inventory before it enters the system, right up until it leaves the system, the company keeps less inventory on hand and marks down less merchandise.

The most informative data comes straight out of the cash register when a sale is made, Mr. Griffith said. By looking at sales information, a buyer knows what's hot and what's not early in the season, reordering merchandise and marking down slow-selling

goods accordingly.

Buyersat the Bon Marche division can see what is doing well in another division, and order some of the merchandise for themselves, or conversely, avoid bad decisions made by colleagues in other parts of the company.

Alarge portion of Sabre's 1,000-member staff devote them-

selves to nothing but keeping the systems current. For example, they installed "wands" at cash registers that are waved over the universal product codes on all price tags.

Sabre also established direct links to u

pliers. Previously, orders were written out and posted and then entered into manufacturers' computers. Now the exchange of order-information goes directly from computer to computer.

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Philip Morris Wins Battle for Tabak

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

PRAGUE - In one of the largest U.S. investments in the former Soviet bloc, Philip Morris Cos. has agreed to pay \$413 million for. control of the Czechoslovak cigarette manufacturer Tabak, beating an offer from R.J.

Reynolds Tobacco Co. in a fierce bidding war. The investment, the largest made by a for-cign company in Czechoslovakia after Volks-wagen AG's pledge to put \$6.4 billion into the Skoda antomobile factory, is indicative of bur-geoning U.S. interest in Czechoslovakia. Mart Bakal, a senior U.S. adviser to the Privatization Ministry, said that U.S. companies had committed \$1.4 billion to Czechoslovak investments, most of it in recent months.

Among these investments, he said, were \$89 million by Coca-Cola Co. in the Prastke soft drinks company, KMart Corp.'s investment of \$112 million in the Prior & Maj Department Store, Dow Chemical Co.'s \$250 million in the Chemicke Zavody Sokolov company and Teepak Inc,'s \$27 million in the Cutient seasons for the Cutient seasons

Cutisin sausage-casing firm.

Although final contractual details of the Tabak sale are still being hammered out,

officials for Philip Morris and the Czechoslovak Privatization Ministry said there was no doubt it would go through. "It's a done deal," said Louis Camilleri, Philip Morris's vice president for Eastern Europe.

Under the terms. Privatization Ministry officials said, Philip Morris would pay 2 total of \$226.2 million for 65 percent of the company. This will be divided into an initial investment of \$104.2 million for the first 30 per-

cent, followed by the balance within a year. Philip Morris will subsequently invest \$187 million in modernization of Tabak and bring its equity stake above 80 percent. The balance

will be held by the public.

Earlier reports about the deal had said Philip Morris would take just 30 percent of Tabak, which controls 65.7 percent of the

Czechoslovak cigarette market.

The Philip Morris deal, coming after a long period of U.S. hesitation during which German companies plowed \$2.5 billion into the country, appears to reflect a growing convic-tion that Czechoslovakia offers strong longterm prospects despite current difficulties.
Output plunged 19.5 percent last year and inflation soared to 57.9 percent, but the country has now brought inflation under control and is pushing forward with the most aggressive privatization plans in the region. With low labor costs, a skilled labor force and a central position in Europe, the country is being viewed as an increasingly attractive export base by U.S. and other Western companies.

Mr. Camilleri said Tabak would be used to provide cigarettes for what Philip Morris sees as "a phenomenal growth of exports to Russia, which is short of cigarettes, and also to Central Asia.

Mr. Bakal said the U.S. company's business plan spoke of exporting at least 1 billion rigarettes a year to the countries of the former Soviet Union

Philip Morris appears to have paid a very high price for the company. The investment bankers advising the Czechoslovak govern-ment said Tabak recorded a profit of about \$2 million in 1990, on sales of about \$170 million.

Both R.J. Reynolds, which bid \$291 million for Tabak, and Setta of France had protested that the sale was unfair, saying that Philip Morris was provided with privileged information on Tabak. But a Privatization Ministry official said the claims had been rejected.

Fiat to Invest \$2 Billion in Poland

Compiled by Our Stoff From Dispatches
WARSAW -- First SpA agreed on Wednesday to invest around \$2 billion in a new company to be formed with the Polish carmaker FSM, the biggest foreign invest-ment in Poland so far.

The capital of the new company, which will take over FSM's automotive activities, will be \$200 million, of which 90 percent will be taken by Fiat, with the remaining 10 percent retained by

The protocol of agreement, signed by Andrzej Olechowski, the caretaker finance minister of Poland, and Renato Ruggiero, deputy chairman of Fiat, followed years of difficult negotiations.

The final agreement will be signed on May 28, pending approval from the Polish government and the Fiat board.

Guglielmo Capra, chief Fiat negotiator in the FSM talks, said the
\$2 billion included the repayment
to creditors of about \$800 million invested in the new FSM-produced Cinquecento model, which was launched in December. This will have to be repaid to

the institutions financing this ini-

The remaining \$1 billion con-cerns all the future investments which will have to be made in the new company to restructure its factories and install machinery to launch a new model, which will would be produced within the

FSM has been producing the new company and some details first-designed 126 model since it was founded as a state-owned FSM's debt still had to be worked company in the 1970s. It recently became a joint stock company in the first step toward privatization.

Fist said the new company would employ more than 18,000 people and manufacture up to 240,000 Fiat 500s, or Cinquecenlos, a vear.

"This is an especially joyful moment, because we are signing the biggest-ever foreign investment agreement in Poland," said Prime

replace the 126," he added. The Minuster Jan Olszewski, who at-replacement, as yet unspecified. Minuster Jan Olszewski, who at-tended the signing ceremony.

A Polish negotiator. Zbigniew Piotrowski, said the name of the out. He refused to provide any (urther details,

Fiat has already laid out more than \$500 million for moderniz-ing the FSM plant, based in Bielsko Biala in southern Poland, to make some 160,000 cars a year of the new model.

The new company will become the biggest Fiat production facility outside Italy.

Salomon to Pay \$290 Million In Settlement

WASHINGTON - Salomon Inc. agreed Wednesday to pay \$290 million to settle U.S. government accusations that the firm systematically submitted billions of dollars will be suspended beginning in lune in phony bids in during auctions of Treasury bonds.

In a significant victory for Salomon, the government agreed not to the central bank's open-market opbring criminal charges against the

That decision was crucial for the survival of Salomon, because the firm last August after the seasones of municipalities, pension dal crupted that restricted Salomon funds, mutual funds and states will not have to reassess whether they

The settlement appeared to be an endorsement of Warren E. Buffeit's strategy of quickly agreeing to cooperate with authorities and purging the company of executives involved in the auction. Mr. Buffett is chairman of Berkshire Hathaway tne., which owns a substantial stake in Salomon, and be was brought in as the brokerage house's interim chairman after the scandal

The penalues represent the second-largest fines ever assessed by securities regulators, trailing those in the Drexel case, but they pose no financial jeopardy to Salomon. Last quarter, it posted a profit of 5190 million and its securities dealership alone bolds more than \$2

Indeed, Wall Street viewed the

settlement as a coup for Salemoa: its shares jumped after the an-nouncement, rising \$2.876 to a

As part of the settlement, the firm for two months from doing any husiness with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which executes crations. Following that suspension the Treasury Department and it would lift sanctions it imposed on from submitting bids for customers

in Treasury auctions. should do husiness with a firm fac-ing criminal charges. Other large Wall Street firms involved in com-more severe sanctions could be plex fraud cases, notably E. F. Hut-ion & Co. and Drexel Burnham spur regulators in Britain. Japan Lambert Inc., could not survive and Germany to take steps against criminal charges.

countries. In its complaint, the commission asserted that Salomon had violated and-fraud and record-keeping provisions of federal laws by submit-ting 10 false bids between August 1989 and May 1991 that resulted in the acquisition of more than \$9.5 billion in Treasury securities in violation of the limitations imposed

on all firms. The firm was also accused of failing to supervise the traders who initiated the trades and of issuing a misleading news release in August that did not disclose that evecutives knew that phony bids had been submitted

Left unresolved is the fate of former senior executives of the firm, including John H. Gutfreund.

Cautiously, U.K. Cheers New Hint of a Recovery

By Erik Insen

LONDON - The evidence may still be slim but with figures released on Wednesday showing that retail sales in April had risen 0.8 percent, economists were suddenly prepared to cross their fingers and all but bury Britain's long recession.

"Everything is now in place for an economic recovery in a way that has not been true since the recession began," said Patrick Foley, chief economist at Lloyds Bank. Like many others, Mr. Foley admits that he has not felt so bullish about Britain's growth prospects since the recession began more than 18 months ago.

Even the memory of last autumn, when signs of an economic poturn were blotted out by falls in industrial production and a sudden rise in unemployment, is not enough to chasten most

They point out that the first stirrings of recovery had been enough to cause industry and retailers to boost inventories in anticipation of sales demand that never came.

In fact, some economists talk guardedly about the danger to their forecasts posed by a "positive surprise," of demand briefly threatening to swamp supply and in turn causing a sudden explosion in production to fill the gap. As it is, the government reported on Tuesday that industrial production in the first quarter had risen for the first time since the recession began, albeit by a slim 0.3 percent.

"I think that if next month's retail sales figure is at this level the government may actually begin to worry that the recovery is taking off too rapidly," said Mr. Folcy.

It's a Coin Whodunit, but Who Knows?

By James Sterngold

New York Times Service TOKYO - After two years of government leaks and speculation, one of Japan's most intriguing financial whodunits has entered a

A lawsuit fided here demands resolution of the mystery: Did the Japanese police uncover the biggest and most well-linanced counterfeit operation in history, or instead commit a major blunder by seizing 103,000 genuine gold coins as fake and incorrectly accusing a Briton of dealing in them?

Paul Davies, the British coin dealer at the center of this strange affair, insists that several ousand of the coins confiscated from him two years ago are geauine. In his suit, Mr. Davies demands that the coins be returned, or that he be paid for their full value, plus interest,

The suit is intended to force the police to do something they have failed to do for the last two years - prove the gold coins are indeed coun-

"We cannot comment on what our position will be in court because we have not seen the petition vet," said Akira One, deputy director of the Finance Ministry's Treasury division. "But on the question of whether the coins are counterfeit or not, there is no question about it. They are clearly counterfeit."

The mystery first became public in February 1990, when the Finance Ministry said it had

are said to have appeared among the 11 million special coins the government minted in 1986 and 1987 to commemorate the 60th year of the reign of Emperor Hirohito.

The coins actually served several purposes.

They were regarded as a fitting way to mark the

discovered 103,000 counterfeit gold coins. They

If the coins are counterfeit, who could have afforded to purchase all that gold, and then refine and mint it?

emperor's long rule and Japan's emergence in the 1980s as an economic powerhouse. But they were also a major money-making enterprise.

There was a gold fever in Japan at that time. and the coins, slightly larger than a quarter, with the imperial chrysantbemum symbol stamped on one side, were eagerly snapped up

by collectors. The Finance Ministry took advantage of that fervor by giving each coin a face value of 100,000 yen (about \$778), the price at which they were sold and could be redeemed. But the coins included what was then only about 40.000 yen worth of gold each. That meant the govern-ment earned about 60,000 yen on each coin it

sold, a total of some \$5 billion if all wen; well, The markup also meant that if some clever forger could manage to buy tons of gold, refine it to the unusually pure level of 99.99 percent used by the Japanese government, and miat exact replicas, he or she could also claim these extraordinary profits.

It has been reported, however, that almost a

million of the official coins went unsold.

In a news conference in Tokyo on Tuesday, and later in an interview, Mr. Davies said he

bad been contacted in 1988 by a reputable Swiss coin dealer, asking if he would be interested in purchasing a large number of the coins. and then redeeming them in Japan at the 100,000-yen face value.

who lives in England, said he ha cultivated the Japanese market over the last decade and that it was his largest source of coindealing business.
The Swiss dealer told him that the coins were

coming from a Middle Eastern source, who was never identified, but who was reported to be interested in selling about 150,000 of them. Union Bank of Switzerland has also said that it agreed to purchase some of the coins from the same dealer and then redeem them in Japan.

From August 1988 through December 1989. Mr. Davies said he redeemed 37,695 of the now-suspect coins in 29 deliveries, all of which were properly declared to customs and the

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O&Y Faces Pressure in Britain Hunt for Assets Raises Bankruptcy Question

By Steven Prokesch New York Times Service

LONDON - The chances of Olympia & York Ltd. avoiding a British bankruptcy action ap-peared to dim on Wednesday as Morgan Stanley & Co. began searching for assets of the Canadian developer that it could seize to settle a legal dispute.

Olympia filed for protection in the United States and Canada last week, unable to service its \$12 billion in debts, but it has been negoti-ating with creditors to keep its massive Canary Wharf office development in London out of bankruptcy proceedings.

The dispute with Morgan Stanley, the U.S. investment-banking firm, involves 25 Cabot Square, a com-pleted building in Canary Wharf.

Morgan agreed to pay for the building to be constructed and Olympia agreed to buy it for \$240 million and then lease the firm about two-thirds of the building's 45,000 square meters (500,000 square feet). Morgan Stanley has contended that the payment should have been made on Dec. 12. Cashstrapped Olympia has argued that it was not due until June 30.

On May 14, hours before Olympia filed for bankruptcy protection from creditors in Canada and the United States, a British appeals court upheld a previous court ruling in Morgan Stanley's favor. Af-ter a follow-up hearing Wednesday in the British court, Olympia said it was considering another appeal.

After Wednesday's closed hearing Olympia said it "understands that no steps are currently being taken to enforce the order" and that Morgan Stanley leaders "are considering their position." But a person familiar with Mor-

gan Stanley's intentions said the reason it had not asked the court to

enforce the ruling was it first want-ed to try to find unencumbered

assets of Olympia. "They intend to

on anonymity. "We're looking at everything,"

said a Morgan Stanley spokesman.

This suggests that Morgan Stanley plans to test the bankruptcy protection granted to Olympia by Canadian and American courts. At least at on the surface, the money owed to Morgan Stanley would seem to fall under the Canadian filing: the entity that signed the contract with Morgan Stanley, Rochemoor Ltd., is a special-purpose company set up by the Canadian parent company and has no other

An Olympia spokesman said the company believed the Canadian and American bankruptcy courts would protect it from any such acwould protect it from any stem ac-tion by Morgan Stanley. It seems likely "that any action by Morgan Stanley would infringe" either or both court orders "unless undertaken with the leave of the relevant court," the spokesman said.

involvement in Canary Wharf.

At least for now, Canary Wharf is not in bankruptcy proceedings. Its 11 construction lenders, whose more than \$1 billion in loans are backed by other buildings in the development, have given the project money to keep construction going until the nadian economy. But it will have end of the month. Canary Wharf an impact."

press ahead to locate assets that can be used to satisfy the obligation," said the person who insisted completed retail complex and a small office building whose steel

> structure has been erected. If Morgan Stanley could somehow make a claim on other Canary Wharf assets - and it is not clear it could - the development could be forced into bankruptcy administration or receivership in Britain.

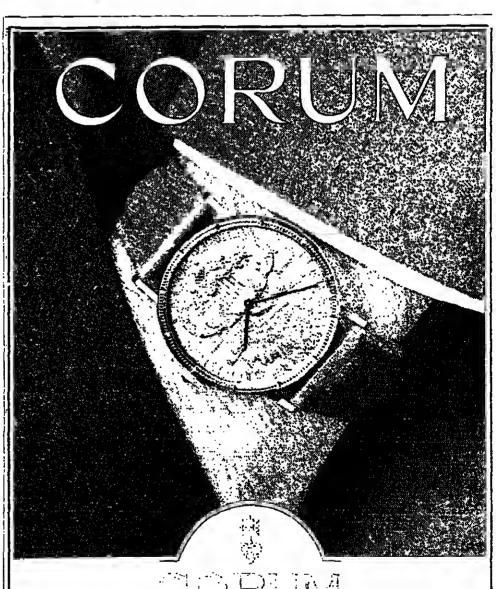
> If this happened, Olympia would probably lose operating control of the development and the 11 banks would decide the fate of the project. which is less than half-linished. This, in turn, would greatly reduce Olympia's hopes for emerging from the various bankruptcy proceedings with its main real estate operations in Canada, the United States and Britain largely intact.

■ Calm View for Canada

Michael Wilson, the Canadian industry and international trade minister, said in London the financial crisis threatening Olympia & York would not have a major impact on the Canadian economy. Reuters reported.

"O&Y is not a positive development for the Canadian economy. Wilson said, "But I don't see O&Y having a major impact on the Ca-





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Stocks End Mixed Amid Steady Rates

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - U.S. stocks ended mixed Wednesday on disappointment that the Federal Reserve did not move to lower interest rates.

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"The driving force for this market continues to be the anticipation that the Federal Reserve will lower interest rates further in the oext few weeks." said Ricky Harrington, director of investment policy and investment management at Marioo

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Bass Securities in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Many traders had expected the Fed to lower rates following the report on Tuesday of a 17 percent plunge in housing starts in April.
The Dow Jones industrial aver-

age, which rose 21.96 points oo Tuesday to a record high, fell 4.15 points, to 3.393.84. Blue chips rose to a high of 3,404.34 before computer-guided sell orders knocked them lower, traders said.

"There are an awful lot of people who think this market is running on fumes, without real quality fuel." said Robert Stovall, president of Stovall Tweoty First Advisers. "The Dow iodustrials bump their heads against 3,400 and down they

Among the broad gauges, the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index slid 0.98, to 415.39, Stocks ended slightly lower on the American

Stock Exchange, but slightly higher in over-the-counter trading

Decliners edged out advancers on the Big Board. Volume totaled 193.8 million shares, up from 187

General Motors paced the Big Board actives, down 14 at 3914. The world's largest automaker and a key Dow component announced the start of its global offering of 55 million shares of common stock. which was priced at \$39 a share late Tuesday and increased from 50 million shares planned in the origi-

Disney followed, down 117 at 39%. Limited was third, falling is to

Oil shares were lower following reports that members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries were expected to agree on an increase in third-quarter production.

Salomon shares jumped 2%, to 33½, after the Securities and Exchange Commission said the company had agreed to pay \$290 million in penalties and related items to settle civil charges that it violated Treasury bidding rules at several securioes auctions. Traders said the rise in Salomon reflected heavy buying by short sellers.

Amoog the blue chips, IBM was down is at 91% and Philip Morris

Intel led the OTC acoves, up 114 (Bloomberg, UPI) at 48%

DATA: Imports Widen Trade Gap

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Aubrey Zaffmo of AZ Economics in Far Hills, New Jersey, and they will probably grow as a share of our economy as activity increases."

prompted economists to lower their estimates for the Commerce Department's regular revision of the first-quarter gross domestic

Foreign Exchange

product, which had shown an anoual growth rate of 2 percent. With the rise in sales and inventories some estimates rose to 3 percent. as a drag on the economy, put most estimates below that level.

With March perhaps a slight ab- sche marks, from 1.5907, and to erration in exports, the question 129.550 yen. from 129.125. The remains whether they will continue U.S. currency started the day weakto grow enough to counterbalance er, depressed by the trade figures. the expected import gain. So far, the trade deficit is running at an dollar down somewhat, the figures annual rate of \$60 billion, not too were lower than expected," said different from last year's gap of

ment Securities forecast that export growth would continue in capital goods, precision instruments and industrial materials, but he said the main demand would not be from the developed regions of Europe and Japan but the "continued \$1.8385.

healthy growth" of rest of the Pacific Rim and Latin America, espe-cially Mexico, Argentina, and Bra-zil, all climbing out of debt that held them down in the 1980s.

The March trade figure also E Fed Inaction Aids Dollar The dollar rose against other ma-

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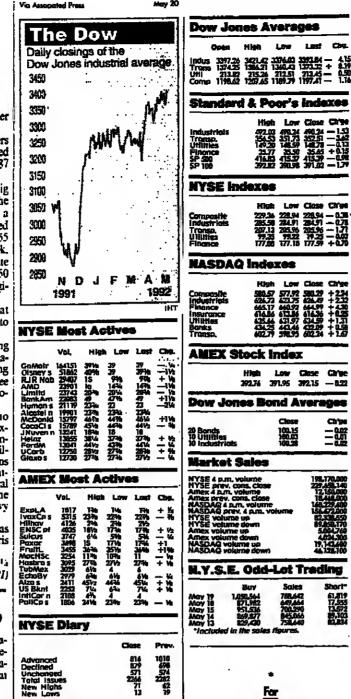
jor currencies on Wednesday, gaining after the Fed did not ease its mooetary stance during its usual late-morning intervention period, oews agencies reported from New

The market had expected the Federal Reserve Board's Opeo Market Committee to cut shorthut the rise in imports, which count term interest rates to boost the The dollar rose to 1.6006 Deut-

"The trade numbers brought the ifferent from last year's gap of 65.4 billion.

Mickey Levy of CRT GovernMickey Levy of CRT GovernHugh Walsh. foreign-exchange trader for Amsterdam-Rotterdam
Bank. "However, the dollar rebounded when it appeared that the

Fed would not ease interest rates." The dollar also rose to 1.4700 Swiss francs from 1.4600 and to 5.3845 French francs from 5.3470. The pound fell to \$1.8310 from (UPI, Reuters)



Saudi Official Leaves OPEC Talks

VIENNA — Oil Minister Hisham Nazer of Saudi Arabia unexpectedly dropped out of OPEC strategy talks on Wednesday and sent a junior minister into a major clash over oil output and prices.

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Verbal battle lines have already been drawn between Sahdi Arabia and Iran over oil prices. Serious talks are scheduled to get under way Thursday

at the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries conference. Saudi sources said Mr. Nazer, 59, was exhausted by trips to the United States and Kuwait. But a Western oil industry source said: "I think he is sending a message to OPEC. He doesn't want to negotiate under pressure from countries like Iran."



Stock Sale Buoys GM's Prospects

DETROIT (NYT) — General Motors Corp. got more takers than it expected for its stock offering enabling the largest US: indestrial company to sell 55 million shares, or 5 million more than it had planned The final price, \$39 a share, was only 25 cents below GM sciosing price. Toesday of \$39.25 on the New York Stock Exchange. The offering price reflected confidence among investors, because demand at nearly the current market price exceeded the planued supply of shares. Late

Wednesday, the stock closed at \$39. The offering is the largest ever by an American company, topping the 1987 sale of Conrail stock, which raised \$1.46 million.

Armed with \$2 billion in cash, Chairman Robert C. Stempel will arrive at the company's annual meeting on Friday with renewed confidence, but industry experts say the auto giant still faces many challenges. GM is expected to use the money to strengthen us balance sheet and to help it develop new cars and upgrade its plants.

BONY Buying Barclays of New York NEW YORK (NYT) — In a move to strengthen its presence in New York's suburbs, Bank of New York Co. said Wednesday it had signed a

etter of intent to acquire Barclays Bank of New York. The agreement would add 64 branches to Bank of New York's custime network of 223 branches in the New York metropolitan region. The deal the terms of which were not disclosed, would also add \$2.2 billion in new assets to Bank of New York, which has assets of \$40.1 billion.

The bank also said it intended to file this week a proposed offering of 8: million shares of common stock.

Barclays Bank PLC will continue to operate in New York for its large corporate and investment business, but the acquisition of Barclays Bank of New York will mark the end of Barclays' retail operation in the United

If the transaction is finalized, it would continue Bank of New York's local-market acquisitions of the late 1980s of Long Island Trust Co. and Irving Bank Corp. Carole Berger, an analyst at C.J. Lawrence, Morgan Grenfell Inc., applanded the strategic move, "assuming it was priced appropriately," she said. "It's the kind of move you would like to see in market consolidation."

Halliburton Seeks Overseas Activity

DALLAS (UPI) — Halliburton Co., shifting its focus overseas because of the sharp decline in U.S. oil and gas drilling, said Wednesday it had set up an office of the chairman to pursue new global opportunities.

The diversified energy-service and engineering company maned W. Bernard Pieper, 59, president and chief executive officer of Halliburton's Brown & Root subsidiary, to serve in the new office, along with Halliburton's president, Dale P. Jones. Both will report to Thomas H. Cruiksbank, Halliburton's chairman chief executive. Mr. Pieper has been given the new title of vice chairman of Halliburton.

American Airlines May Lighten Load

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - American Airlines, seeking ways to reverse recent losses, told shareholders Wednesday it was considering

abandoning money-losing markets.

Robert L. Crandall, chairman of AMR Corp., the airline's perent refused to outline where American might scale back, although he said the days of rapid growth at the airline appeared to be over. Mr. Crandall said was considering "many nontraditional options" to restore financial health to the carrier, which had a loss of about \$240 million last year.

Macy Plans to Shut Down 8 Stores

NEW YORK (Remers) - R.H. Macy & Co. said on Wednesday that it planned to close eight of its 120 department stores by Aug. I after

concluding that they were "underperforming."

The company said that the stores were being closed because of unsatisfactory profits, a lack of growth potential and, in many cases, "the need for significant capital improvements." Macy filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in January.

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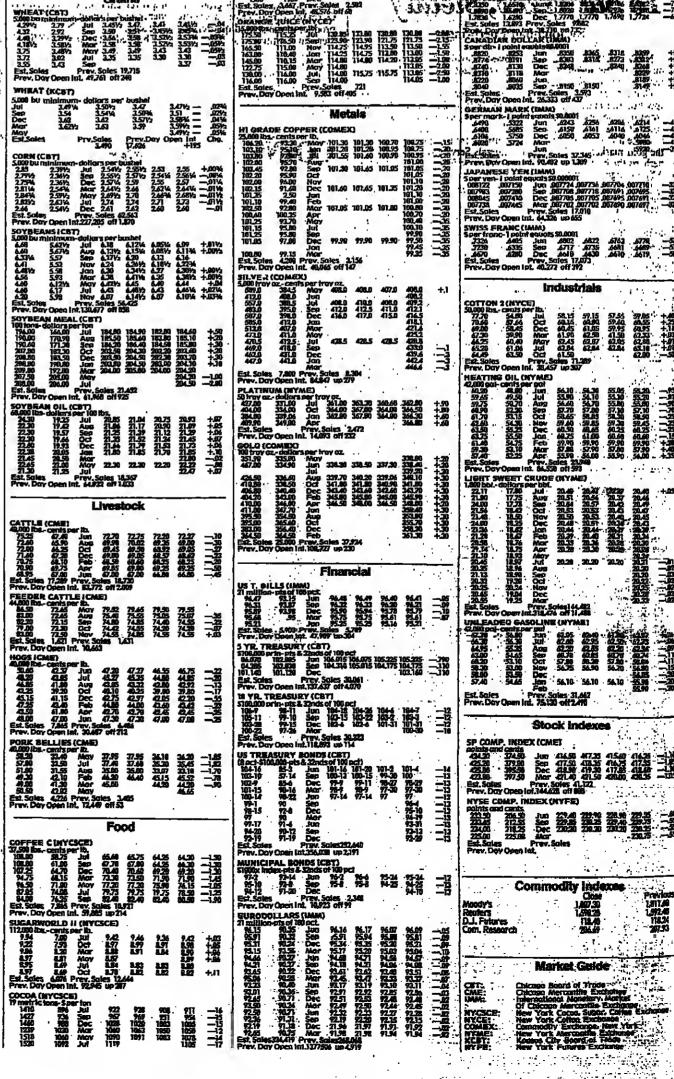
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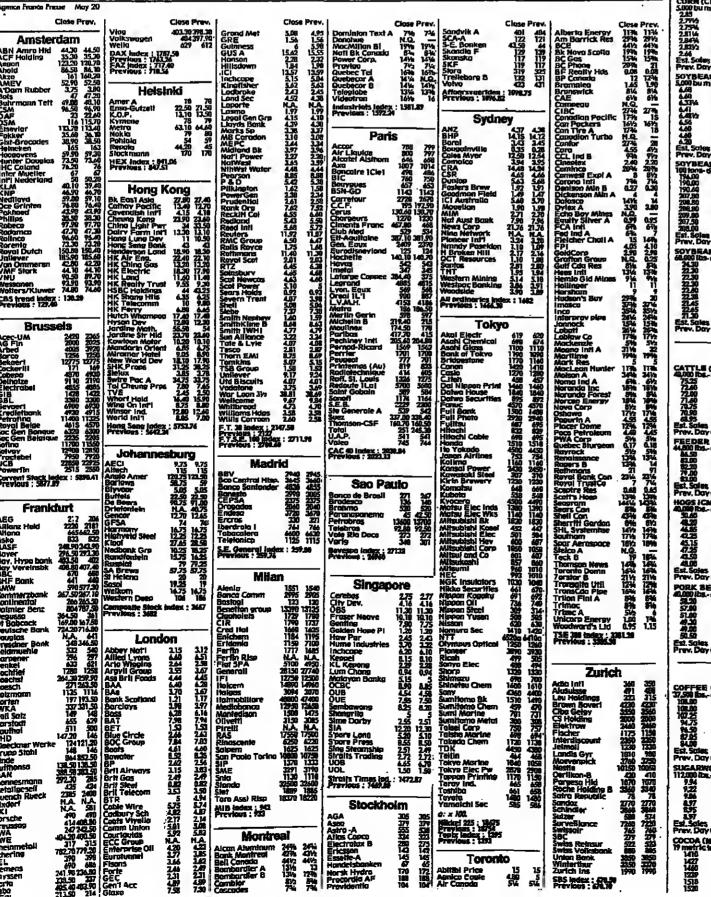
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Supporting Roles in Kazakh Oil Deal

By Thomas W. Lippman

WASHINGTON — The newly signed oil deal between Chevron Corp. and Kazakhstan, the biggest partnership so far between an American company and a former Soviet republic, was reached only after two years of touch aegoriations and the intervention of a Middle East suitanate, an international oil trader, a New York investment-banking house and a London law firm.

Chevron and Kazakhstan broke an impasse meron and wazasinsan broke an impasse in their thicks on the Tengiz oil field only after Comm. a Bermuda-based Dutch oil trader named John Deuss, J.P. Morgan & Co. and the London law firm of Shaughter & May intervened as advisers to the Kazakhs, according to Chevron and the Omani government. The talks were complicated by the collapse

of the Soviet Union, but there were fundamental problems that made this deal n poten-tial believether for Western investment in the Commonwealth of Independent States, On one hand, investors are nervous about commatting their money to formerly communist while the Kazakhs were worried that they were being exploited by greedy capitalists. Mr. Deass, a prominent international oil trader who serves as an adviser to the Omani government and as a director of the government-owned Oman Oil Co., has long sought a role as a sort of oil statesman, offering, for example, to broker a partnership between the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and non-OPEC oil-producing nations. Late last year, when negotiations between Cievron and Kazakhstan appeared stalled, Ornan's ruler, Sultan Qaboos ibn Said, agreed to provide newly independent Kazakhstan with technical and financial advice. Apparently at Mr. Deuss's urging, Sultan Qaboos designated Oman Oil as the instrument of aid. Mr. Deuss joined with J.P. Morgan and

Slaughter & May as consultants to the chief Kazakh negotiator, Deputy Prime Minister Kalyk Abdullayev. Herman T. Franssen, oil adviser to the Omani government and a friend of Mr.

Chevron and Kazakhstan broke an impasse only after a sultanate, an oil trader, an investment-banking house and a law firm

intervened.

Denss, said Monday that "Oman has worked with the Kazakh government to see how they could facilitate discussions with the parties." Chevron executives said they believed that Mr. Deuss, who once lost a fortune trying to corner the market in North Sea Brent oil, was acting only as n paid consultant and would not have any interest in the oil to be produced. But unconfirmed reports in the trade press have said that Mr. Deuss's company, ransworld Oil, would receive the right to buy up to 40,000 barrels a day of crude from the Kazakh fields. Mr. Deuss was present as Chevron's chairman, Kenneth T. Derr, and

The agreement calls for Chevron and Kazakhstan to be equal partners in developing the Tengiz oil field, located in northwestern Kazakhstan near the Caspian Sea, and to share the sales revenue 50-50. Kazakhstan, however, will actually receive 80 percent of the overall revenue because it will extract royalties and taxes from Chevron's share.

Chevron, the world's fifth-largest oil company, with about \$40 billion in annual revenue, said its agreement to develop the 4,000 square kilometer (1,600 square mile) Tengiz field called for a total investment by both partners of about \$1.5 billion in the first three years and up to \$20 billion overall.

When Tengiz and a smaller nearby field included in the deal reach full production at the end of this decade. Chevron said, output should be about 700,000 barrels a day. Combined with production from other fields, that would put Kazakhstan about on a par with Algeria as an oil exporter - not a giant in a league with Saudi Arabia or Russia, but an important supplier assured of a steady source of hard-currency earnings for many years.

Chevron estimated the amount of oil that can be extracted from the Kazakh fields at 6 billion to 9 billion barrels, comparable to the yield of Alaska's Prudhoe Bay. By acquiring title to half a reserve of 6 billion barrels, Chevron with a stroke more than doubled the worldwide reserves under its control.

There appears to be no question that Tengiz and nearby fields contain large pools of oil — Kazakhstan is already producing 60,000 bar-rels n day there. Chevron's role is not to find oil but to develop the fields, which contain large amounts of poisonous hydrogen sulfide gas,

Russian Oil Tax Threatens U.S. Firm's Plans

President Nursultan A. Nazarbayev of Ka-

zakhstan signed the agreement on Monday, but he refused to answer questions.

Bloomberg Business News

HOUSTON - A \$6 per barrel Russian export-oil tax is threatening three projects Global Natural Resources Inc. wants to purme in the republic, the U.S. company disclosed in its quarterly filing with the Securi-ties and Exchange Commission.

The projects would probably prove unprofitable unless the Houston energy compamy wins at least partial exemption from the tax, which Russia levied in January, Global said in its quarterly report.

The company has been selling U.S. energy properties to focus on overseas investments. The Russian tax also threatens to delay Prudential Insurance Co.'s sale of about 4.5 million Global Natural shares, or about 20 percent of Global's outstanding common stock, according to Jim Daily, Global Natur-

al's treasurer. Prudential would create the shares by converting Series A preferred stock. The company's shares were trading at \$9.25 Wednesday afternoon on the New York Stock Exchange, down 25 cents a share.

In April, Mr. Daily said Global expected to register up to 5.18 million of its shares con-trolled by Prudential for n public offering by the middle of May. He refused to provide a schedule for the offering and instead referred questions to Prudential,

Karen Howell, a Prudential spokeswoman, confirmed that Global is registering Prudential's shares but refused to say when the insurance concern would sell its stake.

The 12x threatens three ventures Global is developing, in addition to a project that already recovers evaporated oil from equip-ment in the oil fields of the Tatar Republic, an autonomous area west of the Ural Mountains on the Volga River.

Global operates in Russia through a 40 percent-owned joint venture with a company that runs the Tatar Republic's oil fields. By March, Global had invested \$4.5 million in venture. The company may invest an additional \$20 million this year.

Global is awaiting government approval on two of the proposed projects. One project is seeking to increase oil output from wells in the Romashkino field and the other plan calls for drilling oil wells and operating output at the Onbysk field. The third project, a pro-gram to rehabilitate and develop wells in the urban areas of the Romashkino field, remains under negotiation.

How the tax will affect Global's vaporrecovery project, which is in operation, is unclear,

Bass Boosts Profit 21% **As Cost Cuts Pay Off**

nounced Wednesday a 21 percent rise in first-half profit in defiance of deep recession in its main U.S. and British markets

The company owns the Hobday Inn chain and its beer brands inelude Bass ale and Tennant's.

Bass, reporting a pretax profit of £271 million (\$498 million) in the six months to April 11, attributed the increase to stringent cost controls and a decision to hold back on spending plans.

The company boosted its dividend by 6 percent, to 5.25 pence per share, and Bass shares closed 11 pence higher at 630 pence on the London Stock Exchange.

Operating profit for the brewing business, Bass's biggest division in terms of revenue, rose 18.5 percent

"Everyone in the company has worked hard to reduce the cost base of each of our businesses and prepare them for the economic upturn " said the Bass chairman, lan Prosser. He said there was little evidence so far of any increase in demand, although confidence had improved in Britain since the governing Conservative Party was re-

elected in a general election on Analysis said the result was reas-

Returns suring after Bass's struggles in 1991
LONDON — Bass PLC, the to meet new British beer market world's largest hotel operator and rules and combat the effect of the Britain's biggest brewer, an- U.S. recession on its Holiday Inn hotel chain.

> "Bass clearly had its problems last year, and there are still some doubters out there," said Colin Davies, drinks-industry analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd. "This result is giving them reassurance."

Operating profit at Holiday Inn. hit last year by the impact of the Gulf War on travel, rose 27 percent to £54 million. Cost control helped improve margins at Holiday Inn, which now has 327,989 hotel

Bass bought the Holiday Inn business in North America in February 1990, making the company a leading player in the international hotel market, with hotels in 52

Proceeds from Bass's £558 million rights issue in March 1991 helped reduce the company's interest costs. Interest payable fell to £67 million, from £88 million, while interest receivable leaped to £40 million, from £13 million.

In Britain, Bass successfully completed the biggest part of its pub sales program required to meet government rules on how many pubs a brewer can control. It has sold 2,250 pubs out of the 2,740 it eventually needs to sell.

Land Securities Profit Rises **But Portfolio Value Drops**

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LONDON - Land Securities PLC, Britain's largest property company, said Wednesday that pretax profit rose 6 percent in the year ended in March, despite a 12.6 percent decline in the value of its portfolio.

The company, which raised its dividend to 21.75 pence per share from 19.75 pence, recorded a pretax profit of £227.5 million (\$418.7 million). Analysts said the result showed that in spite of the depth of the recession in the British real estate industry, well-managed property companies could remain profitable.

Chairman Peter Hunt said the deterioration in the office market in central London was largely behind the decline in the company's portfolio Mr. Hunt also warned that profit could not be expected to rise so

sharply in future years, "until a substantial upturn in the economy feeds through into rental growth,"

The results were within analysts' forecasts, but the dividend increase bolstered the company's stock. Land Securities shares rose 9 pence to 449 pence on the London Stock Exchange. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Very briefly:

Commercial Union PLC, the British insurer, posted a loss of £19.2 million (\$35.3 million) for the first quarter, down from £24.2 million a

 Ranks Hovis McDougall PLC, the food conglomerate, said pretax profitplunged nearly 36 percent, to £48.5 million (\$89.27 million), in the six months ended in February.

 Deutsche Pfandbrief- & Flypothekenbank AG posted first-quarter group-operating profit of 56.2 million Deutsche marks (\$35 million), up 30, percent from a year earlier, as new loan commitments rose 39 percent. • The EC Commission plans to change stock-market listing rules to allow

companies in get a listing on a second exchange within the Community without having to publish a new prospectus, an EC official said. • Matra SA and Campenon-Bernard SNC have been awarded a government contract to construct a light-rail system in Bratislava, the Slovak

capital, Czechoslovak officials said. Alcatel Alsthom SA sold 10 million American Depositary Shares to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, totaling about \$236 million;

each ADS represents one-fifth of an Alcatel share. Courtaulds PLC, the British chemicals and materials company, said pretax profit rose 8 percent, to £201.4 million, in the year ended in March. Argyl Group PLC, the British food retailer, said profit rose 25 percent

in the year ended in March, to £364.5 million, led by strong sales at its British Biotechnology Ltd, has approved plans to float the company in London and New York by the end of the year, hoping to raise funds to

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Gold Prices Expected To Stay Low, Steady By Jonathan Fuerbringer

NEW YORK —Thousands of investors avoided gold last year, as buying of the metal as a secure investment declined sharply in

Europe and North America. Don't worry about the Russians, though, Their gold selling arket for several year receding. The new bogeymen are central bankers, whose gold selling

could stifle any rally.

These are some of the main conclusions from the latest survey of the gold market by Gold Fields Minerals Services Inc. of London. perhaps the best-regarded source in the world. These are some of the other thoughts from the report:

• The Iraqis have sold about 50 tons of gold recently, most of it this year. Their sales have not had a significant impact on the gold market yet. • At current rates. China should soon overtake the United States

as the world's largest gold market. The slow opening of the economy is creating wealth that is snapping up gold.

The annual report comes as the price of gold, which was trading Wednesday at \$337.70 an ounce, down 50 cents, on the New York Commodity Exchange, is at its lowest level since 1986, continuing a strong four ways downward spiral

strong four-year downward spiral. According to Gold Fields, the average price of gold dropped 6

percent in 1991, to \$362.26 an ounce. The report does not forecast what gold might do from here. But the report does not forecast what gold might do from here. But the balance of factors discussed in the report — slowing production, stiffing production costs that exceed selling prices for many mines and a surprising rise in jewelry making, despite the worldwide economic slowdown — seem to point for now to steady, low prices. Philip Klapwijk, the Gold Fields analyst for Europe and the Americas, who presented the report's results to economists and analysts in New York, later gave n slightly more concrete view.

"Where do we go from here? I think it is very difficult to call," he said. "We could spike down or we could spike up. But there is n good

said. "We could spike down or we could spike up. But there is a good

Japan from Europe stopped in early 1990, when the government said it had discovered they were forgeries. After a check of other coins in its vaults, the Bank of Japan said it had found 103,000 counterfeit coins, including all the coins brought to Japan by Mr. Davies and Union Bank

The police seized 3,200 coins Mr. Davies had tried to sell here and they interrogated him, but have made no arrests.

Why did the Bank of Japan accept so many thousands of the coins before spotting that they were fakes? And if the coins are counterfeit, who could have afforded to

Germany Faces Slow 2d Quarter Growth

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches massive strikes and lower factory cation in 1990, though a thorough orders are likely to limit growth in

Germany's real gross domestic product in the second quarter, the German Institute for Economic Research said on Wednesday. The institute said in a report that growth data on June 4.

pared with last year.

BERLIN - The recent wave of levels for the first time since unifiimprovement in economic development was not yet in sight, the insti-tute said.

The Federal Statistics Office is due to announce first-quarter

count would not shrink further in But Eastern German GDP the third quarter. Due to rising er.

pected to rise moderately, while imports would continue to gain. In a separate report, the Bundesbank said Germans both saved

more and borrowed more last year. than they had previously. The bank said debts incurred for the purchase of consumer goods

GDP in Western Germany in the second quarter would be flat com- deficit in the German current second quarter would be flat com-"much higher than one year earli-

COINS: British Dealer Sues Japan Over Accusation

(Continued from first finance page) purchase all that gold, perhaps \$40 million worth, and then have had Finance Ministry, then sold to Jap-anese banks, which turned them

over to the Bank of Japan. The sudden flow of coins into

the expertise to refine and mint it? counterfeits. Mr. Davies is elearly relishing a showdown with the Japanese authorities and has his own theory. He has commissioned three reports by one of Europe's top anticounterfeit experts, Ernest New-

slightest doubt that the coins are Mr. Davies has theorized that the suspect coins came from the government's unsold lot of nearly 1

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Mr. Davies speculated that the government, either directly or through an intermediary, had decided to use the coins as part of a barter agreement with an oil-rich Middle Eastern country.

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But newspaper reports in Japan, quoting unidentified police offi-cials, have indicated the govern-ment believes that the coins were minted in Europe, in an operation financed by a Saudi Arabian. But they have offered no supporting



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Westpac Tumbles to a Loss As Bad Debts Bite, Bank Plans a Stock Sale

SYDNEY: - Australia's largest bank, Westpac Banking Corp., announced Wednesday a heavy half-year loss, mainly because of bad debts, and a rights issue to bolster its scarred balance sheet.

The loss came to 1.67 billion Australian dollars

(5) 27 billion) for the six months ended March 31. the hisbest interim loss in the bank's history and a sharp reversal from the 218.8 million dollar profit seconded in the like period a year earlier.

The deterioration was due mainly to a 2.65 billion dollar charge for bad debts and provisions. mainly on property-related loans, more than four times higher than a year earlier, the bank said. The total charge for bad and doubtful debts in the previous six months was 539.9 million dollars, while in the first half a year earlier it was 578.7 milion dollars.

The bank also announced it would raise 1.2 hillion dollars through a rights issue of new stock on a three-for-10 basis, priced at 3.00 dollars a share. The issue, which had been widely expected by the market, was at a deep discount to Westpac's Wednesday closing price of 3.89 dollars, down five cents from Tuesday's close.

Westpac's measure director. Fronk Consequences

Westpac's managing director, Frank Conroy, and the bank's underlying performance was sound. "We expect the group to be profitable in the second half," he said, "and do not foresee the need for provisioning of this magnitude again."

The bank's total operating income for the half year was 2.19 billion dollars, down slightly from 220 billion dollars in the previous six months. Wesipac had made extra loan provisions after a

major review of its property exposures but it continued to satisfy capital adequacy requirements, Mr. Couroy said. "The capital base, however, does

A large amount of the provisioning was in West-pac's finance company, Australian Guarantee Corp., which had a loss of 718.7 million dollars in the six-month period. Westpac said it would inject 850 million dollars into the company and reduce

the unit's exposure to property.

Analysts said the worst appeared to be behind Westpac now that it had increased its provisions for problem loans and bad debt charges. "It's too early to tell but it looks as though they have come clean." said Bryan Madden, research director at Prodential Bache Securities.

Despite the loss, credit-rating agencies decided to keep the ratings of Westpac and AGC steady. Moody's Investors Service confirmed the long-and short-term debt ratings of Westpac, saying the capital raising and the core profits of its domestic

business supported the bank. S&P Australian Ratings and its parent Standard & Poor's Corp. of the United States affirmed their ratings, while S&P Australian Ratings affirmed the rating of AGC.

■ Stocks Near 1992 High

The Australian stock market closed near its 1992 high on Wednesday, Reuters reported, as late buying overcame directionless trading ahead of the Westpac results. The All Ordinaries index closed 15.7 points up at 1,682. Its 1992 high was set on May 13, at 1,682.7.

Falling Inflation Fuels Bond Rally

SYDNEY - Australia is recording its lowest inflation levels in two decades, prompting analysts to predict that government bonds will rally well into the month of June.

'After 20 years of annual inflation at roughly 8 percent, price growth has subsided to less than one-third that level, driving bond yields to 13-year

lows: Poonomists say they will keep falling.

Demand for Australian government bonds is strong enough to support the rally, even though the government will increase supply by selling more bonds to cover a widening budget deficit, they said. Much of the demand is coming from abroad.

Foreign investors are providing a steady stream of buy orders for Australian bonds because low inflation means the bonds' real yield - their yield minus inflation - is one of the highest in the world. That provides more than an adequate carrot to attract sufficient overseas investment" to rose 3 basis points, to 9.10 percent.

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support the rally, even though supply is increasing, said Stephen Roberts, chief economist at SBC Dominguez Bower Ltd.

The Reserve Bank, Australia's central bank, said its broad measure of core inflation for the year ended March 31 was 2.4 percent. Subtract that from the 9.10 percent yield on the benchmark government bond as of the close Wednesday, and the bond's real return is 6.67 percent.

That compares with a real return of 3.13 percent offered by the benchmark Japanese government bond as of the close of trading in Tokyo, Japanese investment in Australian government bonds has helped drive Australian yields lower, traders said.

Bonds closed mixed in Sydney, after rallying Tuesday on the central bank's announcement that core inflation in the year ended March 31 was 2.4 percent. Yield on the benchmark 10-year bond

Hurt Honda TOKYO — Sega Enterprises

Conviled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - The strong yen and ierce competition in slow Japanese and North American car markets dragged Honda Motor Co.'s profit down 21 percent in the latest year. Honda said Wednesday.

Current profit fell to 66.94 biliion yen (\$518 million) in the year ended March 31, despite a 4 per-cent increase in sales, to 2.91 tril-

Car industry analysts said Honda's main problems were the same as other carmakers' - ebbing demand at home and sbroad, and a strong year. But some cited prob-

lems specific to Honda.

Other carmakers are raking in profits from recreational vehicles, which are all the rage in Japan now," said an analyst at a foreign securities company. "But Honda makes nothing along those lines and so is missing out on a very profitable market."

Dwindling demand for midsize cars in Japan, including Honda's mainstay Accord model, was a major factor dragging down the antomaker's profits, analysis said.

Honda predicted 0.1 percent rowth in profit for the current financial year and a 0.3 percent rise in sales. Analysts said the strong yen, a weak domestic market and higher marketing costs would once again work against the company.

Honda said it was planning to cut costs by 25 billion yen in the current year, to offset pressures from the yen and higher wage costs. Last year, the higher yen added 35 billion yen to Honda's costs. The Japanese car market is un-

likely to improve substantially this year, the automaker said. "Demand will probably be about the same as last year or possibly lower," a senior Honda official said.

But he added that Honda expected the North American market to recover slightly this year, which he said was good news for sales.

Honda sold more cars in North America than in Japan last year, making it more dependent on the U.S. market than its Japanese rivals. (Reuters, AFX)

Strong Yen, Sega's Earnings Surge Competition Despite U.S. Settlement

Ltd., the video-game maker that shocked investors last week by paying \$43 million to settle a patent dispute, reported a more pleasant surprise for its shareholders on Wednesday: its profit for the latest financial year was up 55 percent despite the payment.

Sega's stock price fell 3.8 percent last week after the company agreed to pay patent fees to Jan. R. Covle. a U.S. inventor. Mr. Coyle alleged Sega infringed on a low-frequency sound signal and color image transmitter he claimed to have created.

Sega said it recorded the loss on its 1991 accounts, which cut into its net profit for the year. But after-tax profit still shot up 55 percent, to 14 billion yen (\$108.5 million). Al-though the figure was 8 percent helow Sega's most recent forecast analysts were expecting the toll on earnings to be beavier.

"This is good news. Now Sega can say the settlement is all in the past," said Makio inui, an analyst at County NatWest Securities.

Sega's stock was unchanged Wednesday, at 10,100 yen a share,

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Yamaha Posts 38% Drop

In Profit, Predicts Worse

TOKYO - Yamaha Corp. said its profit fell 38 percent in the year

Yamaha, the world's largest maker of musical instruments, attrib-

ended March 31 and predicted an even bigger drop in the current year.

nted last year's decline to lower financial income, a write-down of

marketable securities and losses on the liquidation of a subsidiary. It

said slow sales in Japan and foreign markets meant its profit would likely fall 48 percent in the year ending in March 1993. Last year, current profit totaled 6.75 billion yen (\$52 million),

down from 10.82 billioo yeo a year earlier, on sales of 383,75 billion

ven, little changed. This year, profit is likely to fall to 3.5 billion yen

on sales of 345 billion yen, the company said,
Net profit for last year was 2.83 billion yen, down 29 percent from
4.01 billion yen, and is expected to total 1.50 billion yen this year, a

In March, Yamaha cut the salaries of 20 directors by 5 percent to

In an effort to streamline operations, Yamaha said last autumn

that it would allow 724 employees, or 6 percent of its staff, to take

20 percent to underscore the responsibility of top management for

the company's poor performance, Japanese media reports said.

It was trading at 10,300 last week before the settlement and fell as low as 9,560 before recouping part of its loss before the profit report.

Company executives announcinfringe on Mr. Coyle's patent. They said the game maker paid him to avoid having to explaio complex development histories to a jury.

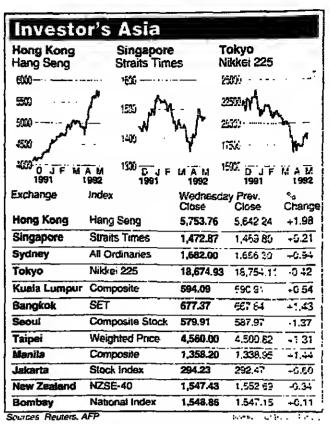
Sega's current, or pretax, profit surged 102 percent, to 33.5 billion yen. Sales shot up 107 percent, to 213 billion yen. The rise was distorted because the 1990 financial year was only 11 months long because of a change in reporting periods. Sega's 1991 current profit, based

on the 12 months preceding the end of the period, rose 85 percent and net profit rose 56 percent.

Sega has announced a stock split that gives investors three new shares for every 10 they hold, as well as an 8 ven boost in its dividend, to 20 yen a share.

The company's sales have blossomed on its strategy to conquer video-game markets abroad rather than fight its arch-competitor Nin-tendo Co., which has a tight grip on 90 percent of the Japanese market.

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Taiwan's Economics Ministry said export orders for April jumped 14.9 percept from April 1991, to a record \$7.2 billion, breaking the previous peak of \$6.8 billion set in March.

 Japan's parliament approved a bill to allow foreigners to own shares in the nation's giant domestic telecommunications firm. Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp.

 Korea Petroleum Development Corp. has signed a 25-year productionsharing contract with Vietnam's national oil company Petro-Viet, under which it will will take half of the output of an offshore area in southeast Vietnam estimated to contain 620 million barrels of crude.

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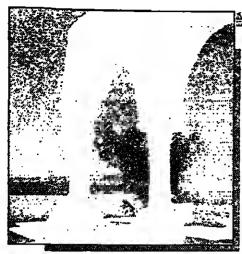
Japan Firms Curtail Thai Operations

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO - Toyota Motor Corp. suspended operations at its Thai joint venture on Wednesday following clashes between military and artigovernment protesters, a spokeswoman for Japan's top automaker said. Toyota's 59.6 percent-owned Toyota Motor Thailand Co. will review its positioo Thursday, "depending on what the Thai government sug-

Nissan Motor Co. said it would suspend night shifts at two plants of its 25 percent-owned Siam Nissan Automobile Co., a spokesman said. The Sumitomo Corp. and Marubeni Corp. trading companies said they temporarily closed their Bangkok offices because of the unrest. (AFP, Reuters)

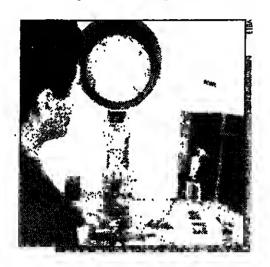
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Economic Policy Geared to EC Integration

Greece, with a government debt of around 185 percent of GDP, faces considerable economic challenges in the coming decade. It has promised the EC to reduce borrowing from 17 percent to 1.5 percent of GDP annually, and aims to reduce its engorged public sector by 10 percent in three years.

According to Dora Bakoyanni, member of Greece's parliament and daughter of Constantine Mitsotakis, the country's current prime minister, "The problem with [Greece] is that we lost two major economic recovery opportunities. In the late 1940s, when Europe was taking advantage of the Marshall Plan, we were fighting communist guerrillas. In the 1980s, the bulk of EC help and loans for the restructuring of our economy was wasted in consumer spending." The consensus even among politi-

Increasing exports to the EC is a major goal

cal rivals that Greece should belong to the European Community is no doubt helping the government in its efforts to streamline the economy, but, as Mrs. Ba-koyanni points out, the job is not easy. "Our main difficulties today in meeting the requirements of Maastricht stem from our huge public deficit. It should be reduced. We should curb inflation. Reduce employment in the public sector. And all that in a world plagued by

Greece must also cope with a conflict with Turkey over rights in the Aegean; the occupation of Northern Cyprus by Turkish troops; and the dissolution of Yugoslavia. which created a new independent state along Greece's northern borders that is calling itself the Republic of Macedonia, angering most Greeks. "Such a state, by usurping the name of Macedonia, would undermine the area and the stability of Europe," says Vassilis Maghinas, area and the stability of Europe," says Vassilis Maghinas, Greece's secretary-general of press and information services. Macedonia, Epirus and Thrace, provinces in northern Greece that make up around 40 percent of the country's total area but have a combined population barely that of Athens, are currently the focus of a major government development plan. Tinos Stravropoulos of the Hellenic Industrial Development Bank (ETBA), which is responsible for financing 75 percent of total investment in northern Greece, says that there has been a investment in northern Greece, says that there has been a "revolutionary increase" in industry and tourism devel-opment in the area recently, adding to public concern over the Macedonia issue.

In spite of these economic and political difficulties, there are signs that economic reforms are beginning to take effect. According to Yannis Palaiokrassas, Greece's finance minister, "In 1981, [Greece's] public debt was 671

billion drachmas [\$3.48 billion]. In 1990, it reached 9.4 trillion drachmas. That is, it increased fifteenfold. This, with unpaid government-guaranteed loans, brings total debts to 15 trillion drachmas." Two-thirds of government revenues are earnsarked for the payment of interest and debt installments. "Recovery is beginning, however," Mr. Paliaokrassas points out, adding: "Our revenue has doubled in the first two months of 1992, over that of the two first months of 1989, something without precedent."

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Expenses, including interest on earlier loans, had been rising by 30 percent annually. "In 1990, we dropped this to 15 percent and in 1991 to 6.5 percent. In 1989, Greece borrowed 800 billion drachmas for consumer requirements. The 1992 budget, in contrast, contains a surplus of 200 billion drachmas for the payment of interest and debt installments," Mr. Paliaokrassas says, citing the recent computerization of Greece's Internal Revenue Service and new tax laws favoring investment as measures that should help lead to economic recovery.

The minister also feels that Greek industry is becoming more competitive, and that by doubling exports to the EC, Greece could solve its balance of payments difficulties. Another hopeful sign is that EC investors have begun to get involved in various sectors of Greece's economy. Unilever has bought ELAIS, an olive-oil company, and has expanded into margarines, soaps and detergents. The Metaxa firm, producers of the worldrenowned brandy, has been bought by Grand Metropolitan of Britain, the Swiss firm Suchard has bought Greece's top chocolate producer, ION, and Caltestruzzi of Italy has bought the AGET-Iraklis cement company.

Stelios Argyros, president of the Greek Industrialists Association, welcomes such takeovers. "The so-called 'de-hellenization' of industries is a joke. But we also want

Greeks to have the same chances abroad," he says.

Panayotis Thomadakis, president of American Computer Systems, one of the leading Greek computer firms, was among the first Greek entrepreneurs to turn to both the EC and neighboring Bulgaria for joint-venture partners. "I formed joint companies in order to expand into new fields," he says. "Now I am connected with GTE, Ameritech and Datamat in order to participate in a major project for the Hellenic Telecommunications Organization. I also joined forces with a Bulgarian firm. I exchange technology and management, which they need, with manpower, which they have."

__John Rigos

Changing Attitudes

Tzannis Tzanhelakis, Greece's deputy prime minister, outlines the major challenges his country is facing.

What are the basic problems facing your comitry? Our main problems include the restructuring of our economy. The Greek economy has been serving a consumer society for the past few decades, which has meant a tendency toward borrowing and a high rate of inflation, well above the EC average. What are you doing

First, privatization. But the main difficulty is changing the mentality of the people, to make them think in a different way than before. Within the next month, we will sign an agreement with two companies for the development of mobile tele-phones. We have also started the procedure for the construction of the new Athens international airport. It will be one of the largest airports in Europe and will enhance Greece's position as the European gateway to Afri-ca, Asia and the Middle

What about the existing large number of government-run public enter-

Private capital will be invited to participate up to 49 percent in such publicsector organizations as the

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Hellenic Telecommunications Organization (OTE) among others.

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Are there other major projects to be financed? The extension of the Athens subway; the con-struction of a bridge con-necting the Peloponnese with Central Greece; the Thessaloniki subway: a pipeline for the supply of natural gas from Russia — all will be self-financed, some with support from special EC development

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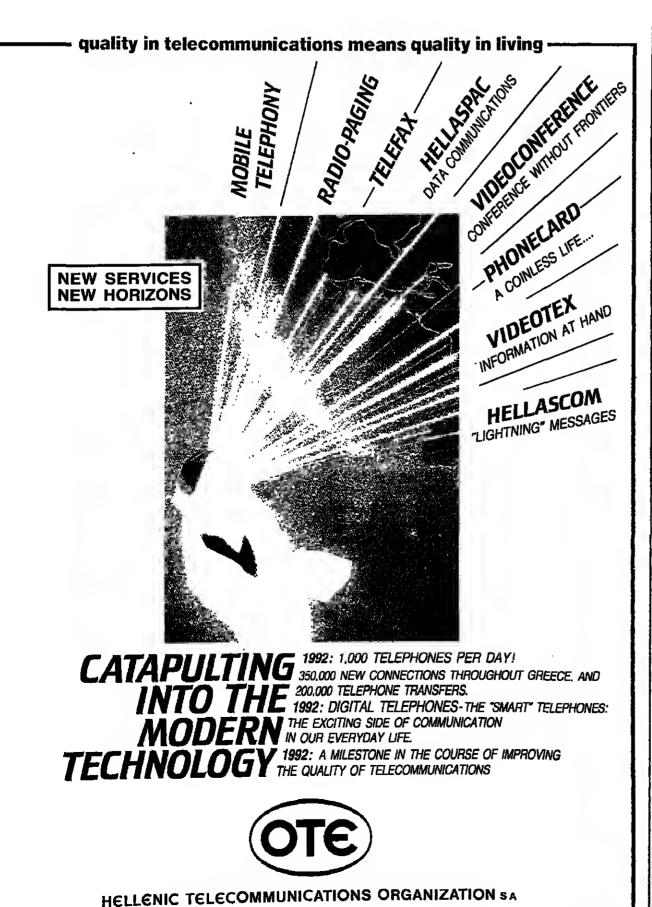
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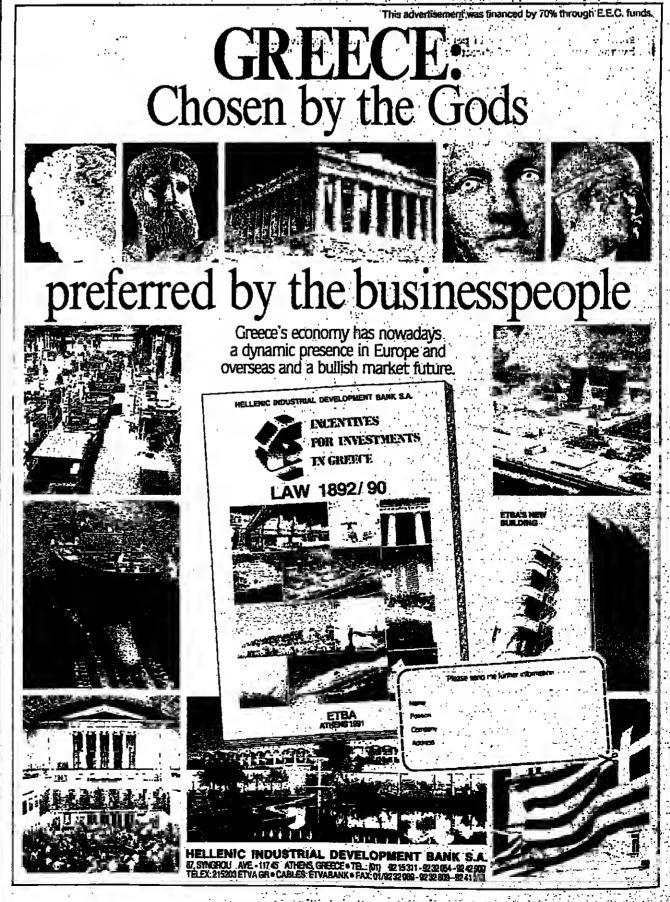
right course.

What about the so-called "Republic of Mac-

edonia ??
This was created by Tito in order to serve some of his international policy aims. It has a population of two million people of various nationalities. They do not have a common cultural identity. We are willing to help this newborn state, but under the proper conditions Jun J.R. नोर्यातक कर्मनीतम् धारहर बाहन



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Off the beaten track: mountain hiking.

Year-Round Travel

Greek tourism, after weathering the

repercussions of the Gulf War, has

sailed into 1992 full steam ahead, an-

ticipating a 10 percent to 30 percent

of the European Commu-nity has opened up the air-

charter and air-taxi busi-

nesses in Greece. Olympic

Airlines expects to earn

more than 7 billion drach-

mas (\$36.3 million) this

year from charters, and six

other Greek businesses

have already applied for

charter and/or air-taxi li-

To avoid oversaturation

in the high summer sea-

son, both the National

Tourist Organization and

Greece's travel industry

are promoting year-round tourism with government tax incentives given for in-

vestments in winter tour-

ism and for tourist facili-

ties in undeveloped areas,

The government also is of-

fering 25 percent financing

for new hotel investments

in the four- and five-star

class. According to Lys-

sandros Tsilides, president

of the Hellenic Associa-

tion of Travel and Tour-

ism, agents are offering

special rates to draw the

retired, older visitor to

Greece "Greece will be-

come the Miami of the Eu-

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A recent EC study award-

ed Greece the greatest

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in Enrope, this year's U.S. State Department analysis of foreign travel costs pegs

Greece as the best value in

Western Europe, with estimated per diem expenses of \$67 (compared with \$134 in Italy, \$131 in Spain and \$153 in Portu-

gal) and, thanks to a new U.S. Greek civil aviation

agreement, six U.S. carri-

ers are expected to fly to

Greece this year, adding

about 90,000 airline seats

into Greece from the Unit-

Even the Yugoslav crisis, which has closed all

overland traffic into

Greece, has provoked

some imexpected benefits for Greece. Michael

Ghiolman, president of

the Greek Yacht Brokers

Association, sees increased

activity in Greek waters

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Recent government leg-

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Streamlining of Industry Required

While Greece's public sector — from government services to state-controlled enterprises, banks and utility agencies — is experiencing problems, the country's private sector is enjoying steadily increasing profits.

"We haven't had an in-crease in production, but a decrease in the rate of reduction," says Stelios Argyros, president of the Association of Greek Industries. He explains that private industry in Greece is increasingly gearing itself toward for-eign markets. "It is as if a new mentality is being developed," he says. "While local demand for Greek industrial products has been dropping, exports have increased by 10 per-cent since 1990." Andreas Andrianopou-

los, Greece's minister of industry, research and technology, feels that there is no lack of demand for Greek products abroad, but that the "weakness of local firms has been their failure to modernize and thus to compete with imported goods." Part of this failure is linked to the fact that before Greece joined the European Community, the state protected local production with high tariffs. The new need to compete with foreign suppliers, according to Mr. Argyros, is leading most Greek firms to modernize and explore foreign markets. "Our profits from manufacturing have gone up," Mr. Argyros points out, "Out of 4,000 [Greek] firms [surveyed], 3,000 showed profits in 1991, and their share in the sales

Mr. Andrianopoulos elieves that many troubled state-owned or -controlled firms can become profitable again when they are privatized. Of 141 such firms that were for sale, some have already been purchased by foreign investors. AGET-Heraklis, Greece's largest cement company, was sold this year to the Italian cement group Caltestruzzi after it

of industrial products cov-

ered 83 percent of the total

amount

had been brought back to fiscal health. The government has es-

tablished an Industrial Recovery Organization (IRO) whose aims are "to restore [Greek] industries' bealth and then to sell them, thus serving both the interests of the entrepreneurs and of the workers," according to an official description. The IRO's John Kynigopoulos says that out of 35 industries that have been handled by the organization, 15 were sold (three of them to foreign investors, the rest to Greeks) and another 15 were closed down.

While Piraiki-Patraiki. Greece's largest textile manufacturer, will probably be closed down, another state-owned company. Hellenic Acrospace Industry (HAI), seems to be on the road to recovery thanks to a reorganization of its management. HAl was established in 1975 as a state-organized and owned company to provide support to the Greek armed forces, including maintenance of aircraft; to be in charge of overhaul, modification and manufacturing of components, and to fulfill the electronics and weapons-systems needs of the Greek Air Force and of Greek-based civilian airlines. Like almost all government-run services, HAI ran into trouble from the beginning. Faced with huge deficits, the government

asked Lockheed Aircraft

Service International to

group of financiers, pro-

vides most or part of the funds required; the pro-

ject's profits are used to

pay off its debts. Mr. Tzannetakis says: "We ap-

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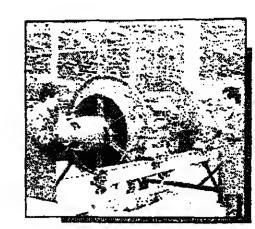
opment trajectory without

take over management of the company.

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The contract we entered into was to begin to set up business systems that would move it toward private enterprise concepts," says Dan Lange, HAI's managing director, adding: "The idea was to manage its business and its cash in a manner in which it will not have to turn to the state for funds every time it turns around." The company has now increased production and will have a 1992 turnover of 25 billion drachmas (\$125 million) compared with 14.5 billion drachmas in 1991.

In spite of such success stories, many Greek indus-trialists, as well as leading members of the ruling New Democracy Party, feel that the country's economic recovery cannot progress without reorganization of the immense civ-



HAI's operations are newly profitable.

il-service system and of government bureaucracy. Mr. Argyros says: "We have over 700,000 civil servants. This means that one out of 15 Greeks is a civil servant, and nobody is being fired because of the socalled political costs. How can one work under such circumstances?

The Association of Greek Industries bas pro-

osed to the state to relieve half the state's civil servants of their jobs, offering them full pay until they are pensioned when they retire. "In this way, they will not cost the government phones, electricity and transportation, and most important, they will allow the other half lof the civil service] to do a better job,"
Mr. Argyros says. J.R.

\$7.5 Billion Earmarked for Infrastructure Growth

Despite its deficits and the need to pay for interest on loans accumulated since the establishment of modern Greece 170 years ago, the Greek state budget has always included a separate section, entitled the "de-velopment budget," earmarked mainly for infrastructure projects. Greece's 1992 development budget of about 5750 million is hardly enough, bowever, to cover "the lost time and the distance that separates us from our oth-European colleagues," Tzannis Tzannetakis, Greece's deputy prime minister, says. A complex system of infrastructure financing has been set up that takes advantage of various EC funds and programs geared to the modemization of Europe's less

developed areas, and calls

for self-financing of the

most costly projects

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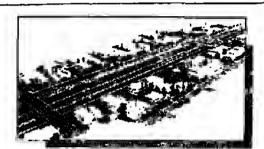
project, alone or with a

further delay. Greece now has a program of several projects, with a total cost of over-\$7.5 billion, which (with the exception of the extension of the Athens subway) will all be self-financed.

The first major project now under way is the new Athens airport at Spata, a site about 20 miles southeast of the capital, which will eventually be able to handle 50 million passengers per year. In its first phase, set to be completed

by 1996 at a cost of over \$2 billion, the airport will comprise over 4,000 acres (1,618 hectares) of facilities and will have the capacity to handle 20 million passengers per year. The current Athens airport, Hellinikon, has only 1,500 acres of facilities; it will be turned into parks and tourist installations.

Other ambitious projects include the construcuon of a suspension bridge connecting the northwestern Peloponnese with cen-tral Greece, which will shorten the time required to go by road from Rion to Antirion from 30 minutes to five; this project will cost around \$400 million. Another major project is the construction of a new highway connecting Eleu-sis, the port and industrial town southwest of Athens, with the new airport at Spata. This project, to-gether with a highway along the western ridges of



The new Spata airport will open in 1996.

Business

in Greece?

IGAP has

Mount Hymettus, will relieve some of the congestion suffered by motorists near the Greek capital.

The most expensive infrastructure project now being undertaken by Greece is the modernization of Greek telecommunications, for which an estimated \$5 billion will be spent within the next few years. The government bas picked Crédit Suisse First Boston as its financial advisers for the project, which is to involve the installation of a GSM mobile-telephone system; 85

percent of Greece's territory is to be served by mobile telecommunications within 18 months of the signing of the agreement.

The government, through the Hellenic Telecommunications Organization, is also replacing all telephone centers with digital technology. New facilities have already replaced part of the old equipment in the Port of Piraeus, and the port is to remain headquarters of one of the world's largest merchant marine fleets.

payment level. Total assets were up by 12 percent above the last dividend payment level. Total assets were up by 12 percent over 1990. The bank's 1991 investments included new facilities to house an expanding branch network and software and equipment needed to implement a fully integrated information system, which began operating in March this year.

Plant Your Roots in Greece, a non-profit organization based in the United States; aims to mobilize Greek-Americans and others with a special interest in

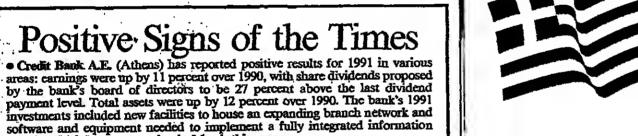
Greece to initiate reforestation of many areas throughout the country. Working with the support of the Greek government, the organization's goal is to make



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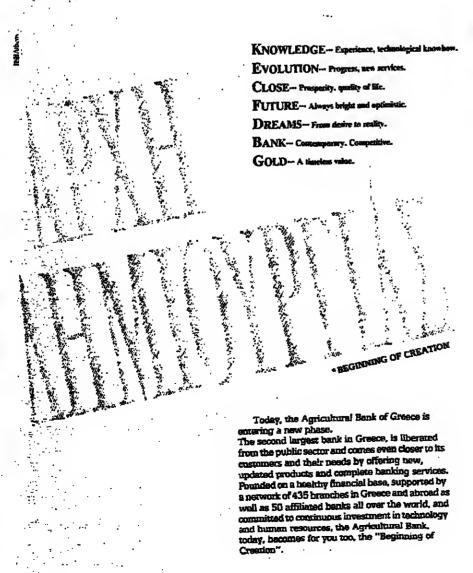
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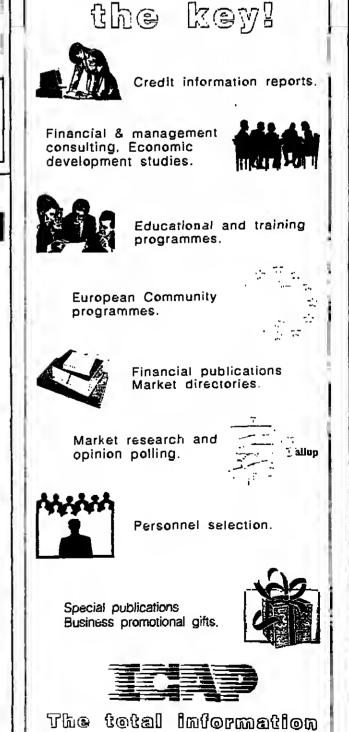
• Greece and the New Europe, a conference sponsored by the International Herald Tribune and the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, is being held May 21-22 at the Hotel Athenaeum Intercontinental, Athens.

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The Romanian defender Mio-

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Bucharest when they beat Barcelo-

na in 1986 and was on the winning

side for Red Star Belgrade in last

year's final against French champi-

ons Olympique Marseille. (Reuters, AP, AFP)

A restructured Eastern Europe has forced UEFA, soccer's govern-ing body in Europe, to make major changes in its format for cup com-

petitions next season, benefiting

teams from the former Soviet and

Yugoslav nations, news agencies

reported from London. UEFA announced Wednesday

that they had invited the three Bal-

tic states - Estonia, Latvia and

Lithuania - and Croatia. Georgia.

competitions.

The same also applies to the Farce Islands, while Israel, recently invited to join UEFA, will be al-

lowed to enter teams in the Cham-

pions' and Cup Winners' Cup com-

petitions and a team from

Liechtenstein will go into the Cup

A UEFA spokesman said the

number of teams in the UEFA Cap

would increase next year from 64 to

the National Assembly approved a

for stadiums, The Associated Press

■ Corsica Toll Is at 15

Winners' competition.

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Overtime Free Kick Earns Barcelona European Cup, 1-0

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches half, but the Italians were always LONDON — Ronald Koeman dangerous on the break.

of the Netherlands won the European Cup for Barcelona for the first Gianluca Pagliuca, who kept his time on Wednesday night with a side in the game with a series of fine stunning but disputed free kick saves, denied Stoichkov a goal in eight minutes from the end of extra time that gave his team a 1-0 vie-

tory over Sampdona of Italy.

With the final apparently head.

Koeman is only the second player to win the Cup for different ing for a penalty shootout for the second year in a row. Koeman drove the ball home.

Last season, Red Star Belgrade beat Olympique Marseille of France in a shootout. After there were no goals in the initial 90 minutes, this final also went into over-

Koeman saw his chance when a Sampdoria substitute, Giovanni Invernizzi, fouled Eusebio Sacristan just outside the Italian team's

Sampdoria, Italian champions for the first time last year, argued vehemently against the free kick. which was awarded for obstruction, but to no avail.

With several players from both teams refusing to watch, Koeman, who was impressive with his masterly long passing and long-range shooting throughout the game, ri-fled the ball home. Slovenia and Ukraine to enter teams in next season's Champions', Cup Winners' and UEFA Cup

After defeats by Benfica in 1961 and Steaua Bucharest in 1986, it was Barcelona's first triumph in the competition after years in the shad-ow of its Spanish rival, Real Ma-drid, which has won the title six

Koeman has scored all his 13 league goals this season from free-ticks or penalties, and his strike in the 112th minute saved Barcelona the agony of a shootout.

Coach Johan Cruyff, who had a heart-bypass operation a year ago. ran on to the pitch, whirling a scarf. and hugged his fellow Dutchman. Sampdoria, beaten by Barcelona

A woman who bad been in a coma since the May 5 grandstand collapse in Corsica died Wednesday, raising the death toll to 15, and three years ago io the Cup Winners' Cup final, missed three chances to score by the Italian international striker Gianluca Vialli. bill that tightens safety standards

Barcelona dominated the match, and the Bulgarian striker Hristo for stadiums, The As Stoichkov hit the post in the second reported from Paris.

Can Lewis Finally Win Over America?

By Michael Janofsky

New Fork Times Service

HOUSTON — He has probably reached a point in his career at which comparisons with Jesse Owens no longer serve him properly. In a dozen years of international competition. Carl Lewis tional competition, Carl Lewis bas run and jumped into a higher level of consideration, certainly high enough to be considered the greatest Olympie track athlete the United States has ever produced. Maybe high enough to be the greatest in any sport.

Owens's permanence as an Oh mpic icon was compressed into one bolt of brilliance, in the daunting Games of Nazi Berlin in 1936. But Lewis matched Owens's performance - with gold medals in the 100 meters, the 200 meters, the long jump and the 400-meter relay, at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984 - then set off to surpass those accomplishments over the next seven years.

He has reached this, his third Olympic season at the age of 30, with a remarkable resume as the world-record holder in the 100 meters, a two-time Olympic champion in the event and a three-time world champion; as the only man to win successive Olympic championships in the long jump, a two-time world champion in the event and the only man to reach 29 feet (8.8 meters) more than twice; as the winner of six Olympic gold med-als and seven Olympic medals over all, and as a fervent crusader in the burning issues of his time in his sport, professionalism and drug use. He favors all of one,

none of the other. Yet for all his accomplishments - the medals, the records, the 10year streak of 65 consecutive victories in the long jump, the 14 times he has run the 100 faster than 10 seconds - Lewis is only now moving into the mainstream to gain the kind of recognition and visibility reserved for the giants of sports in America, athletes like Michael Jordan and Joe Montana.

Sunday in New York, where Lewis will be competing in the New York Games, the Japanbased Panasonic Corp., which has used Lewis as its spokesman in Europe and Japan, plans to the reasons for his delayed enter-introduce him as its spokesman in gence into American sunlight. stars deserve to be paid and treat-



the United States. It is a breakthrough arrangement for Lewis: Although years of previous en-dorsements in the United States made him money, they never made him a star.

Soon, his presence will be everywhere - in ads and TV commercials, on billboards - just as it has been for years in Europe and Asia, where he is virtually a walking god and a spokesman for Kodak, computer games, sports drinks and other products in addition to those of Panasonic. It's as if his own country is finally welcoming him home with a smile, an embrace and the implicit message that his past has either been forgotten or forgiven. As if that were necessary. And

maybe it was. Few know better than Lewis

Real or postulated, they have become no less ingrained in Ameri-can track and field lore than the accomplishments that prompted them. Through the years, Lewis has been questioned about every issue from his sexuality to the use of performance-enhancing drugs to sincerity. Few athletes have reached his status; fewer still have endured such serution.

have endured such scrutiny. In Lewis's view, it was a gradual shove off the world stage. A rival long-jumper accused him of using drugs as far back as 1980. Olympic audiences in 1984 booed him for skipping his four remaining long interest and indeed him. ing long jumps and judged him arrogant for circling the track with the U.S. flag after the 400meter relay team won, giving Lewis his fourth gold medal.

In the years that followed, he

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ed like other professional athletes. He made a further missance

of himself by urging officials to start short-notice drug-testing programs — long before the Ben Johnson scandal at the 1988 Sum-

mer Olympics in Seoul shamed organizations into starting them.

"It has always been kind of a

feeding frenzy," Lewis said.

There was always something

new to talk about, always some-

thing new thrown at me. Whenev-

er I'd speak out, I was criticized. But that's life. All the way through, I ran, I enjoyed it, I

made a lot of money.
The comfortable with myself. I

have no bitterness. I have always

believed that if you stick to your goals and live by high standards,

things will always turn out."

For years, Lewis and his 37year-old brother, Mack, have

kicked around the question of

Carl's acceptance by the American public. Carl has become the more sanguine of the two, assuaged to some degree by the substantial sums he has made from

deals providing lesser visibility.

Mack takes the harder line, although somewhat reloctantly.

"I think one problem with Carl

is that he does not fit the mold of

a black athlete in America," he

said. "When you think about the

black athlete in America, you think of one who grew up one of 12 siblings on the south side of Chicago in a ghetto. All those things. Both our parents were teachers who lived in the suburbs.

We weren't disadvantaged, and that makes Carl boring. America

seems to be uncomfortable with

Carl Lewis as a black, middle-

For Carl, it's hard to separate the issues. Track and field has nev-

er been mainstream in America, so

why should any of its stars be?
Measured solely by timers and judges, Lewis might rank as the greatest his sport has ever seen.
Among contemporaries, he has no equal. Owens, his lone match in U.S. history, was a prodigious athlete but a fissh who faded quickly.

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As a boy, Lewis idolized Owens,

who died in 1980 at age of 66.

They met once, and the impression on Lewis was indelible. This

very large human being spoke to me, a little kid," Lewis said. "I still admire the things he did."

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NFL Giants Test Players for AIDS

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Giants have tested their players for the virus that causes AIDS, a report said. Wednesday.

For the first time, the National Footbell League team included blood tests for detection of the HIV virus during physicals administered before the start of their training camp, the newspaper New York Newsday

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"It's being addressed in a lot of the athletic community and we decided to make it a part of our physicals," the Giants' general manager, George Young, told the paper. The NFL does not have an official policy on testing for AIDS, but the league sent a letter to clubs in December stressing that if any tests were done, they must be voluntary.

IAAF Said to Seek New Krabbe Data

BONN (AFP) — The International Amateur Athletics Federation's medical commission wants to reopen the investigation into the alleged doping by the German sprinter Kathin Krabbe, the newspaper field reported Wednesday.

Although a four-year ban was lifted by the German federation in April, the IAAF is to decide at a meeting in Toronto at the end of the month whether to allow Krabbe the return to competition, notably at the Barcelona Olympics. Krabbe the world 100 meter and 200 meter champion, received a four-year maneration in February after the German pion, received a four-year suspension in February after the German federation found evidence that she and two teammates had tampered

New Workout: Sleep and Thin Air

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BOULDER, Colorado (Remers) — A U.S. inventor says he has
found a way for athletes to main while they sleep: By sleeping in a
specially designed chamber where they breathe an imitation of thin
mountain air, they can increase their aerobic capacity.

The thinner air stimulates red blood cell production, enabling the
body to store more caygen and hoost aerobic capacity, the University of Colorado at Boulder said in its announcement.

"The optimal strategy is to live at high altitudes and then descend
to sea level to train," said Igor Gamow, associate professor of
chemical engineering at the university. It is the change from high to
low altitude that Gamow said was the key to boosting aerobic
capacity. Why not just remain in high attitudes all the time? This
does not work, he said, because athletes who both live and tonin at
high altitudes are not absorbing enough oxygen from the thinner air,

Mixed Sumo Results for 2 Americans

TOKYO (AP) — Akebono fell on Takahanada to win his bout on Wednesday and improved to 10-1 while his fellow American, Konishilo, suffered his fifth defeat in the 15-day Summer Grand Sumo Tournament. The victory kept Akebone two victories ahead of four other wiestlers. Konishiki was pulled down by Kyokudozan, dropping his record to 6-5. Konishiki had won the previous tournament, in March, and was considered likely to win promotion to sumo's highest rank of yokozuna, or grand champion, with another tournament title.

For the Record

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TRUE OR FALSE, OR

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The Argentine winger Classifo Caniggia is to join the Italian Inst division soccer club AS Roma, a top club official said Wednesday. The official, Emiliano Mascetti, said Roma had an agreement with Canagaa's current club, Atalanta of Bergamo, to acquire him as soon as the season ends Sunday for \$10 million:

David Feberty of Ireland was hospitalized on Wednesday after being bitten by a snake while practicing for the British PGA Champiouship, which started Friday in Wentworth, England.

(AFP)

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ŸERY OLD BONES

By William Kennedy. 292 pages. \$22... Viking Inc., 375 Hudson Street, New. York, New York 10014.

Reviewed by

A FIVE-GENERATION family tree is printed on the endpapers of Wilham Kennedy's tragicomie oew novel. "Very Old Bones." This chart proves useful to the reader not only for keeping straight the story's sprawling cast but also for identifying those family members who appeared in the previous novels of the author's Albany cycle: "Legs,"
"Billy Phelan's Greatest Game," "Ironweed" and "Quinn's Book."

But it should be added at once that "Very Old Bones" is not one of those family epics that begin at the dawn of time and work their way forward a generation at a time. Instead the story is narrated by a member of the fourth generation, 34-year-old Orson Purcell. And though the history be describes goes back as far as 1887, the events in the novel's present occur from dawn to late afternoon of a Saturday in July 1958.

Orson is a free-lance editor and memoirist who has experienced his own share of what in the hands of a more melodramatie writer than Kennedy

might be called the Phelan family curse.

The unacknowledged bastard son of the painter Peter Phelan, Orson has suf-

novel's opening Orson has returned to the family bome to Albany with the hope of finding his roots and getting his father to acknowledge their kinship.

Rummaging through very old bones that are both family skeletons and the bones that the Phelans have to pick with one another, Orson recalls the past of the seven brothers and sisters of his father's ecneration. Among them in no particular order are Chick, the failed priest: Torumy, "the holy moron" who presents gifts of underwear to women he doesn't know: Sarah, the severely repressed spinster who beats Tommy nearly to death for lifting a woman's skirt with his cane, and Francis. the down-and-out burn and former professional ballplayer who is the protagonist

of Kennedy's masterpiece, "Ironweed."

In a particularly vivid episode that Orson recalls from 1934, when he was 10 years old. Francis comes out of his hobo jungle for the wake of his mother, Kathrya, only to be driven out of the house again by the unforgiving Sarah. Orson and his father, Peter, follow him and save him from committing suicide when he steps in front of a train. This event inspires Peter to do a series of paintings about Francis called "The Itinerant," which win Peter his first important recognition.

The series prepares the way for Peter's culminating work, "The Malachi Suite.": This depicts the defining catastrophe in the family's more distant past and is the event toward which Orson's narrative is gradually building.

As always in his fiction, Kennedy writes in a rich variety of voices: some-times raucously comic, as when he de-scribes the mounted head of a cow that was shot by a man who mistook it for a rabbit; sometimes bitterly sardonic, as when Orson observes of a coffin containing both his maiden aunt, Sarah, and the corpse of another aunt's premature baby, "It gives a new meaning to 'virgin with child": sometimes literally Joycean, as when be quotes Anna Livia Plurabelle's concluding soliloquy from "Finnegans. Wake," but always rich in the neighbor-

hood fore of historical Albany (N.Y.). If "Very Old Bones" has any fault, it arises from the occasionally portentous voice in which Orson relates his own history: "We tend to use our talents, don't we? We also tend to follow our demons. We'll do anything to gain a little power over life, since none of us know our limits until we're challenged - and that's when the strangeness begins."

But Kennedy succeeds admirably in shuttling his narrative voice between present and past and weaving a cloth in which history and myth are indistinguishable. And when be finally arrives at the events on which the paintings of "The Malachi Suite" are based, be does the nearly impossible in transforming an ancient history of drunkenness and add-leheadedness into a credible world of demons and witchcraft.

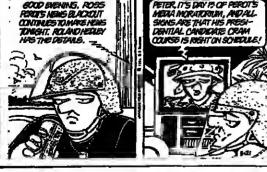
Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is on the staff of The New York Times.

THE standard of ethics among good players is generally high, and has improved in the last 30 years. But there are still wide variations. At the American Contract Bridge League's Spring Nationals last month there was one player who would have spring to one a 0.10 rocket. would have scored zero on a 0-10 scale There was also one player who rated a perfect 10 in ethics. In the National Mixed Pairs, Linda Lee of Toronto held the West cards shown and found herself defending three spades. She led the diamond king, and her partner, Ray Lee, besitated slightly. He wanted to encourage a continuation by dropping the ten, but realized that a continuation might but realized that a continuation might help South by establishing dummy's

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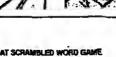
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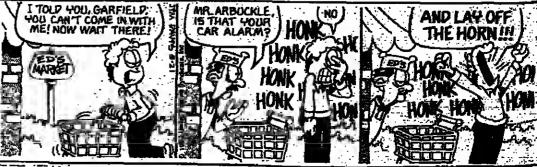




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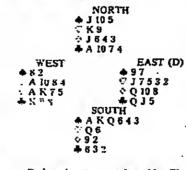
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By Alan Truscott

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She therefore continued with the ace



Hershiser Gives Up 2, Drives In 2 For Dodgers

The Associated Presi

The way the Los Angeles Dodgers are hitting. Orel Hershiser probably figured he would have to drive in his own runs.

That is exactly what happened on Tuesday night against the Chicago Cubs. Hershiser scattered nine hits in seven innings and broke a 2-2 tie with a two-run double in the sixth, leading the last-place Dodgers to a 5-2 victory in

Los Angeles.
With the score tied at 2 in the sixth. Shawn Boskie walked Dave

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Hansen and Jose Offerman with two outs, and Hershiser grounded the next pitch over the third-base bag. "The hall bounced fair in front of the bag and bounced barely foul after the bag, so it had to have gone over it," Hershiser said. "I think

the umpire made the right call."
Mets 8, Padres 0: Bobby Bonilla hit his first home run since opening day, and David Cone pitched a seven-hitter for his third shutout as visiting New York ended San Die-

go's five-game winning streak.

Reds 7. Expos 4: In Montreal. Bill Doran hit a grand slam off John Wetteland in the ninth as Wetteland blew a save for the third time in nine chances. Wetteland walked Cincinnati's

Jacob Brumfield and Dave Martinez with one out and Bip Roberts singled before Doran's fourth home run of the season and the third career grand slam. Giants 7, Pirates 2: Will Clark

and Royce Clayton bomered, and Trevor Wilson won his third straight start as San Francisco sent visiting Pittsburgh to its fourth consecutive loss.
With the Giants trailing 2-1.

Clark hit a two-run homer off Doug Drabek. San Francisco add-ed four runs in the eighth on Matt Williams's bases-loaded triple and Jim McNamara's RBI single.

Cardinals 7, Braves 2: Felix Jose drove in three runs and had two hits as St. Louis ended a 10-game losing streak in Atlanta dating to Aug. 30, 1990. The Cardinals won for the seventh time in nine games

overall Phillies 4. Astros 3. In Philladel-phia. Dave Hollins had the first two-homer game of his/career and Curt Schilling allowed three hits in six shutout innings, his first start since Sept. 6, 1989, when he was with Baltimore.

Hollins hit a solo home run off Butch Henry in the third and added a two-run homer in the fifth.

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Jelf Bagwell hit a three-run homer in the eighth off Barry sacrifice Ily and Craig Grebeck's second-inning RBI



Pitching for the first time in 21 months, Bert Blyleven, 41, said be "threw O.K." But the Angels lost.

Rookie Leads Twins Past Jays

Pat Mahomes knew he had the early edge on the Toronto Blue Jays. He just decided not to give it back.

Mahomes, in only his fifth major-league start, allowed four singles over seven innings to lead the Minnesota Twins to their fourth straight victory and minth in their last 10 games with a 7-1 triumph in Toronto. "The first time through the order they didn't know

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much about me," said Mahomes, who struck out five and walked three in his longest career outing. "The pitcher usually has the advantage in that situation. The next time through the order, I had a lead and that allowed me to stick to my fastball."

Chuck-Knohlauch, who went 2 for 2 with an RBI and two runs scored, got the Twins going early, lead-

White Sox 2, Royals 1: In Chicago, Charlie Hough won for the first time in five starts this season after entering the contest with a 5.96 ERA. Hough got his

Jones. Mitch Williams got six outs single provided the runs against Kevin Appier.

six-game losing streak against Milwaukee as Cecil Fielder drove in two runs. The Brewers, who managed just three hits, are 13-3 in their last 16 games at Tiger

Yankees 5. Angels 4: In New York, Bert Blyleven, 41, returned to the pitcher's mound for the first time since Aug. 10, 1990. He gave up bome runs to the Yankees' Mel Hall and Kevin Maas, but was able to throw his curveball for strikes.

Blyleven allowed three runs on eight hits and two walks. He left after six innings, trailing by 3-2. The Yankees won the game in the 10th on a single by Randy Velarde with the bases loaded. Rich Monte-leone (2-0) pitched two perfect innings for the victory. Rangers 8, Indians 7: In Cleveland, the Rangers scored five runs in the final two innings. In the ninth, Ruben Sierra hit a two-run homer, then Dean Paimer

singled bome the go-ahead run.
Red Sox 7, Mariners S: In Boston, the Red Sox won Red Sox 7, Mariners 5: In Boston, the Red Sox won Randy Bush got the first of two sacrifice flies to score Knoblauch and put Dave Stieb in a bole that he could not climb out of.

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Athletics 5. Orioles 3: In Baltimore, the Athletics

used five pitchers and a Jose Canseco home run to hand Baltimore its third straight loss on a five-hitter. Canseco had gone 96 at-bats with just one home run until he led Tigers 3, Brewers 0: In Detroit, the Tigers snapped a off the seventh with a drive off Storm Davis.

Blazers and Bulls Easy Victors

Cavs Flat In Opener In Chicago

By Harvey Araton

New York Times Service

CHICAGO — It was something

like the first beautiful day of spring after a long, blustery winter. The Chicago Bulls went out for a walk, found all roads paved and wound np taking a pleasant, leisurely jog.

In fairness to the Cleveland Cavallers, who were escily bearen 103.

aliers, who were easily beaten, 103-89, Tuesday night in Game 1 of the National Basketball Association Eastern Conference finals, they were on the road at Chicago Stadi-um against the defending champi-ons just 48 hours after eliminating the Boston Celtics with a seventhgame victory that was perhaps the biggest in that franchise's undistinguished history.

But while this was just the first game of a series that must develop its own identity, there was an air of mevitability to this game that did not exist in the Bulls previous se-ries against the Knicks until the fourth quarter of Game 7.

The Bulls led by 20 points in the second quarter and the Cavaliers never got closer than 7 in the fourth. The Bulls made all 19 of their free throws, an NBA playoff record, and, in reaching the 100point mark, accomplished in one ame what took them seven against

There was token bumping, little bruising and no trash talking. Michael Jordan was able to take the ball into the lane at will, scoring 33

points and adding 7 assists.

Under minimal defensive pressure, Scottie Pippen put together 29 points, 12 rebounds, 9 assists, and his outside touch, not coincidentially, reappeared.

"We were allowed to execute on the floor a little bit better," said the Bulls' coach, Phil Jackson, "Their style of play is diametrically opposed to what New York is all about. They're a finesse team and a ball-movement team."

Translation: The Cavaliers are not a burich of thugs and play what we think is real basketball.

Not Tuesday night, according to the Cavaliers' coach; Lenny Wilkens, who agreed that his team had not sufficiently recovered from Sunday afternoon. That explained six first-quarter turnovers and the Bulls, getting into their beloved transition, making 15 of their first

"I thought we came out real flat," said Wilkens, "We were really emotionally up for Sunday, and tonight we were just a step behind." Asked if the Cavaliers should have learned something from the Knicks' success In slowing the Bulls, Wilkens responded with a question of his own.

with them, he's wondered? Would

that be held Jordan "under 70." Eblo again drew the lonely as-

Scottie Pippen of the Bulls rising above Cleveland's Larry Nance, left, and Mike Sanders to stam home a dunk for 2 of his 29 points.

asked. "They're not even in the playoffs now. Even Wilkens agreed that the

Cavaliers will not be around much

longer, unless they pick up their defensive pressure. "I guarantee we'll be a lot stronger the next game," he said, refer-

ring to Thursday night's second game in Chicago.
The likelihood is that they will though, clearly, the Cavaliers will allow the Bulls to be the team with

which everyone is more familiar. "You have to play the way you play," Wilkens said. That will suit Jordan - and to a

greater extent Pippen — just fine.
"It was really calm, no flagrant fouls, no clogging of the middle,"
Jordan said, in an unintentional indictment of the Cavaliers.
Lordan has always considered it. Jordan has always considered it something of an insult that the Cavaliers do not double team bim when he has the ball. What's wrong

they rather lose the game than a hit of Craig Ehlo's pride? Jordan exploded for a careerhigh 69 points against the Cavaliers on March 30, 1990. Ehlo bragged

signment of defending against Jor-

played their overall team defense, with poor rotation and little prevention of Jordan and Pippen getting inside, it would not have mat-tered what scheme Wilkens tried. One problem the Cavaliers face is that the players being guarded by Jordan and Pippen - Ehlo and

Michael Sanders — are not likely to fatigue the Chicago superstars. ■ Rockets to Name Coach

Rudy Tomjanovich, the Houston Rockets interim coach for the past. three months, was expected to be named head coach on Wednesday, The Associated Press reported.

Houston television stations and. newspapers reported Tuesday that Tomjanovich, who replaced Don Chaney on Feb. 18 after Chaney was fired, would sign a three-year contract.

Tomjanovich played J1 seasons for the Rockets and was an assistant coach for nine seasons. He guided the Rockets to a 16-14 record in the final two months of this season.

The Rockets started out with an 11-4 record under Tomianovich before a controversy that led to the suspension of center Hakeem Olajuwon distracted the team and "After the Knicks' success?" he dan, but the way the Cavaliers offs for the first time since 1983. game series Friday night.

Hot Porter Powers Rout Of the Jazz

PORTLAND. Oregon — The crowd chanted "Terry! Terry!" all This is Clyde Drexler's team. But to this night, and for much of the playoffs, they have been the Porter all land Trail Blazers.

Terry Porter continued his torrid playoff performance, scoring a caculi reer-high 41 points on Tuesday, to lead Portland to a 119-102 victory. To over the Utah Jazz and a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals.

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Tonight he was just on fire.

said the Portland coach, Rick Adel man. "He was making 3s. He was 1st making jumpers with John Stock," it strong to the basket. You can't it strong to the basket. You can't it strong to the basket. You can't it strong to the basket. play a better game than Terry of played."
Drexler was no slouch, either.

Civile had a monster game no. Adelman said. He had 36. points and 12 assists. Of course every time be threw it to Terry, he

Adelman marveled at his team's

guard play.
"It was just amazing for me to" watch," Adelman said. "I just kind at of sat there in awe. They were just

Porter made 12 of 14 field goals, is including four of five 3-pointers. WHE was also 13 for 14 at the four

"if I get any botter, it'll be scary," Porter said. "I don't think it's humanly possible to be any hotter than I was tonight."

It was the hottest night of a sime id mering playoffs for Porter. In 11. games, he is 26 for 44 from 3-point

Porter's previous career high was -21 40 points, against Golden State on 57 March 18, 1988. His best playoff 78 performance had been 38 points, in a double-overtime game against it San Antonio in 1990.

Porter, who made a club-record. 6 of 8 3-pointers in Game 1; beigg came the third Portland player to score more than 40 points in a player to off game and the first to do it in a 2

nonovertime game. "That's pretty impressive, I must,

In a speny impressive, I must as year Porter said.

In the two games against Utah, he has made 20 of 26 shots, including 10 of 13 from 3-point range.

Stockton usually stayed close to Porter, but the Portland playmakes years so bot it fill not metric.

was so hot it did not matter.
Unlike Game I, when Utah was a blown out early, the Jazz stayed close most of the way Tuesday. Stockton and Karl Malone, who both had sub-par performances in s Game 1, were better in Game 2.

Karl Malone scored 25 points.

Stockton had 24 and Jeff Malone.

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Penguins Serve Bruins Notice: Lemieux's Back

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Bad back, broken hand, separated shoulder, it makes no difference.

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Lemicax. Lemieux, returning from a broken left hand two weeks earlier

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS than predicted, scored two goals and set up another Tuesday as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Bos-ton Bruins, 5-2, to take a 2-0 series lead in the National Hockey

League Wales Conference finals.

The Brains are back in Boston for Game 3 on Thursday, but Lemieux is back for the Penguins. Did Lemieux take a huge risk by returning prematurely from a seri-

"He said it was a bigger risk if he didn't play and we lose and the series is 1-1," said the Penguins' coach, Scotty Bowman, After he was slashed May 4 by

the New York Rangers' Adam

be out from four to six weeks.

When a fitted cast and protective glove designed by a specialist flown in from Miami gave him extended

mobility. Lemieux realized four or ut PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux is a likely candidate for the
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"I think me being there gave the "team a little boost," Lemicux said.

Boston took a 1-0 lead on Glea m Murray's goal just 59 seconds into the first period, but the Bruins could not sustain the lift generated in by the lead or by all-star Ray Bourque's return from three games off,

with a broken finger. Bourgue was called for charging Jaromir Jagr at 3:39, a penalty that drastically altered the momentum. The bruins never managed a short in the final 18 minutes of the period —and got just two overall —as the Penguins rallied for a 2-1 lead on

goals by Troy Loney and Jagr, who scored for the fourth straight game. Lemieux, his ice time and confidence increasing with every shift, set up Rick Tocchet to make it 3-1 at 11:35 of the second with Bourque off again for interfering with

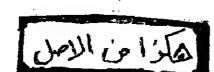
Adam Oates's fifth goal of the playoffs got the Bruins back in it at 9:43 of the third. But with Dave Poulin off for tripping Touchet, Lemeux got the first of his two goals, at 12:47; his second came on an compty-netter with time expiring. .- I

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"Yes. Mom. forever. He's vonrs unless l change my

"But you've only had him for Buchwald Cour months. Don't you want to keep him a little

"I do, hut I have to think of the dog. He'd be much happier with you. Around me he'd be with someone who blows in from Wisconsin one day and out to Katmandu the next. In your house, he'd have a

Spike Lee Gets **Funding for Film**

NEW YORK — Spike Lee has announced that a number of prominent hlacks have donated an

andisclosed amount of money to

help complete work on his forth-coming film. "Malcolm X." He said the donors were Bill Cosby, Oprah Winfrey, Mi-hael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Prin. Janet Jackson and Peggy Cooper Ca-fritz, the founder of the Duke El-

lington School of the Arts. Lee said he had been "forced" 10 seek outside help to finish the movie after the Completion Bond Co.. which assumed financial control in January, refused to approve any more expenditures. At the time costs on the film, initially hudgeted at \$28 million, had climbed to nearly \$33 million. Lee says final costs for the movie may run above \$40

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"Ordinarily you have a right to feel that way, but Sandy is different. He's young and frisky, and in a few months he will be housebroken and you can let him have the run of the place. Sandy can't do much damage as long as you show him who's boss.

"Son, I'm sure that you have thought this through, but has it ever occurred to you that if we were in the market for another dog we know where to get one?"

"That's what the guys at school said you would say, But, Dad, I'm not only giving you my dog. I'm also giving you his dish. You will have no expense whatsoever. Sandy would be really upset if I gave him to strangers. In this house he will sniff my scent and know that he is living where his master once did. Please don't look a gift dog in the mouth.

Why did you get Sandy if you had no intention of keeping him? "Because I love animals and I had every intention of keeping him until he are the drapes in my girl's apartment."

She musi have been upset. "But, son, we already have a dog-ish such as either Sandy goes, or I go. But that's not why I am giving you the dog. I'm presenting him to you because I believe that Sandy will help you and Mom—he'll give you a reason to talk to each other." "We get along fine now."

> "Dogs can work miracles for people when it comes to communicating. I learned that in Psych 204." Would you be offended if we

didn't keep the dog?"
"Why should I be offended? Maybe some drug dealer will find him and make him his pet."

"If we don't take him, are you just going to kick him out in the "It isn't my decision, it's yours. If

you don't want him. I'll have to do

something so that he doesn't hate "All right, we'll keep the dog, but you take him back as soon as you

hreak up with your girl."
"Glory be. I'm blessed with the best mother and father in the whole wide world. If you hadn't raised me to be a mature, responsible person. I would never have had the guts 10 adopt the puppy in the first place."

MOVING

New Life for Babelsberg Studio

By Stephen Kinzer

TUTTGART — The giant Babelsberg I studio in Potsdam, where some of the world's most memorable films were made, has been sold to a French conglomerate that hopes to turn it into one of the world's largest and most modern film, television and radio production centers.

The huyer, Compagnie Générale des Eaux, known as CGE, is the largest film producer in France but is known principally as a real estate developer.

According to an agreement reached this week, the company will take over a sprawling lot in the Berlin suburb with more than 100 huildings, enormous amounts of movie paraphernalia, including 650,000 costumes and 2,000 wigs, and a large, experienced staff. On the cavernous sound stages, performers like Greta Garbo. Marlene Dietrich and Peter Lorre made the movies that brought them worldwide fame, coached by directors like Fritz Lang and Josef von Sternberg.

Officials of the French company say they will invest more than \$600 million in the decaying studio. They plan is to turn it into a kind of European Hollywood that will produce not only feature films, but also documentaries, animated films, music videos, advertisements and radio and television

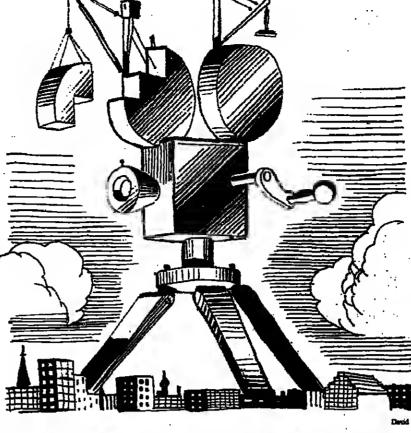
The new owners also plan to huild a film school, boarding houses for actors and technicians, and a hotel and restaurant complex on the 10.600-acre [4,300-hectare] site, which is less than half an hour's drive from down-

The film director Volker Schlöndorff was an active supporter of the CGE hid and is expected to be named to help supervise the studio's renovation. Another prominent German director. Wim Wenders, said he was "very, very happy" about the sale.

The Bahelsberg studio opened in 1912, at the dawn of the film era. Among the classics produced there in its first two decades were "The Blue Angel," "Metropolis" and "The Cahinet of Dr. Caligari."

During the Nazi era, the studio churned out scores of propaganda films, After World War II, when Potsdam became part of the Soviet occupation zone and later part of East Germany, it continued to produce propaganda, this time glorifying communism rather

But under communism, the studio was also the scene of artistic conflict between unorthodox directors and East Germany's hard-line leaders. For a time, the East German government encouraged directors to follow their creative instincts, but when the directors hegan to produce films critical of the government they were muzzled. Some of their films sat on shelves for years and were released



only as communism began to crumble in the

After German unification in 1990, Babelsberg and its parent company, DEFA, became the property of the Treuhandanstalt, a government agency created to sell thousands of companies that had been owned by the East

The Treuhand, as it is known, received dozens of bids. It slowly reduced the field and announced its choice of CGE on Tuesday in Berlin. The purchase price was not disclosed.

"This is not a normal development project." said Eberhard Sinnecker, the Trenhand official who directed the long negotiations with the French company and other bidders. The studio has not only a unique history. but also an ideal location."

"We have found enormous interest in this project all across Europe." Sinnecker said. Germans tell us that a revitalized Babelsberg could be the catalyst to pull German film out of its provincialism, and people in other countries say they would love to work at a studio where everything they need is ready for them.

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Babelsberg is part of the attraction. Film people think there's some magic in the air

In the last two years, the Trephand has spent several million dollars to keep the studio alive while a buyer was being sought. Films and television shows are still being made there. Among the features now in production is a spy thriller directed by John Schlesinger and starring Isabella Rossellini and Anthony Hopkins.

The studio's managers have also made some money by inviting the public in for tours, the way some Hollywood studies do. The tours have proved popular, with busloads of students and adults visiting old sets, including a pirate town, a turn-of-the-century Berlin bouevard and a Scandinavian farm village built for the film "Pelle the Conqueror."

But the studio remains much quieter than it was a few years ago. Of the 2,300 people who worked there while the Communists were in power, only about 700 remain. The new owners have guaranteed the jobs of all current employees and say they will build the staff up o 2,500 by the year 2000, said Marianne Mielke, a spokeswoman for the studio.

PEOPLE

Rock to the Rescue

The rock band Aerosmith, saying that it is angered by the erosion of "artistic and personal freedom," is giving \$10,000 to a Massachusetts Institute of Technology museum to replace a grant denied by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The donation will help a specific part of the sounce of the soun The donation will help pay for "Corporal Politics," an MIT exhibition scheduled to open in December. "This was absolutely out of the blue," said the MIT museum curator Helaine Posner. The exhibition will show works that include audity and use images of body parts to explore social alienation.

Would you spend your hard-earned cash on a magazine called Ben & Bill's Bill Regardie, the owner of financially troubled Regardie's magazine, thinks you would. That's why he recently asked Benjamin Bradlee, the former executive editor of The Washington Post, to take over the magazine. All he had to do was put up a million bucks. Bradlee failed to bite, but admitted "You've got chutspah." Regardie said. Asked if he was still weighing the offer, Bradlee, now a vice president of The Washington Post Co., said jokingly: "How about just Ben's?"

Celebrities and fashion designers joined American Indians at a beneparty Monday night at New York's Amazon Village nightchih to raise money for the rain forest. The Don't Bungle the Jungle II party raised about \$150,000 for the Companion of Arts and Nature, a foundation established to work with native peoples. Chief Oren Lyons of the Onondaga nation led a sundown ritual that was followed by a sitdown dinner for 600 guests who included John F. Kennedy Jr., the rock singer Deborah Harry, the model Elle Macpherson, Calvin, Kelly Klein, Barry Diller, Diane Von Furstenberg and Jam Wen-

Laurel Fortuner says writing the best bad fiction is not hard work. And she should know. On Tuesday. she was awarded the annual Bulwer-Lytton Fiction contest in San Jose, California, for the worst opening line of an imaginary novel. Her line: "As the newest Lady. Tumpot descended into the kitch-

green dressing gown, her creamy bosom rising and failing like a tem-peramental soutile, her tast mouth

Larry Fortensky, the lusband of Elizabeth Taylor, pleaded no con-test to 1987 drunk driving charges and was placed on times years' pro-bation. A judge in Corona, Califor-nia, also ordered him to enroll in an 18-month alcohol rehabilitation program and to pay a fine of about \$1,200. Taylor and Fortensky me four years ago while both were andergoing substance abuse treat-

The approach of Johnny Car-son's final Tonight Show on Friday has people lining up in Burbank. California, for tickets There's an enormous anticipation that somehow their life is going to be different after Friday. said an NBC spokesman. Jay Leng takes over on Monday.

ment at the Betty Ford Center.

Bill Cosby joked to University of Maryland graduates that they should sue their alma mater because it has left them unprepared. for the menial jobs they are likely to get upon graduation. "There are no courses in valet parking waterssing and grinding coffee," he said at the school's commence ment. The comedian was awarded an honorary doctorate.

Jooks Holland, a British producer, is working with the three surviving members of the Beatles, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr and George Harrison, as well as John Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, to make a seven-part television series telling the story of the group. The first of the 90-minute films, to be called The Long and Winding Road, would be ready for screening next year and the others would follow at three-month intervals.

The 1991 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development had been awarded posthumously o her son, the former prime minister Rajiv Gandil, it was announced in New Delhi on Wednesday, the eve of the first anen wrapped only in her celery- niversary of Rajiv's assassination.

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